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Day service

St. Rock United Methodist Church will host a Gulfside Day Service today at 3 p.m.

Come share spiritual fellowship and delicious food.

55 Alive

55 Alive, a unique program for older drivers will be held Wednesday, April 10 from 1-5 p.m. and April 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Coast Electric meeting room.

This is sponsored by the Bay St. Louis Police Department.

Cost is \$8 per person. For more information and to register call 452-2181.

Pictures available

Pictures of children taken at the American Legion's Easter Egg Hunt, at City Park in Bay St. Louis, will be available on Wednesday, April 3.

Pictures may be picked up from members at the Shoo-Fly, where the pictures were taken, between the hours of 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-3:30 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, they will be located in the R.S.V.P. office at the Old City Hall, 300 South Second Street.

Working parents only may call Janet Aime at 467-2724 to make other arrangements.

Immunizations scheduled

Healthier Community Alliance will be offering childhood immunizations on April 25, 9 a.m.-12 noon at Pass Christian Elementary School, 703 North Street.

Immunizations are free of charge. Parents who bring their children should also bring the child's shot record.

For more information, call 865-3147.

Waveland receives police grant

The city of Waveland will receive \$9,150 in the most recent round of COPS MORE Grant awards, announced South Mississippi Congressman Gene Taylor.

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) through the U.S. Department of Justice made

the award this past week. The grant provides for law enforcement agencies to put more sworn officers on the beat by funding salaries, equipment and technology as well as through the hiring of other civilians.

The program is designed to provide additional security for

residents by putting more cops on the streets," said Taylor. "I am pleased that the citizens of Waveland will soon benefit from this valuable program.

"This is what we've been waiting for," said Waveland Mayor John Mason. "It's fantastic. I'm elated."

A strong supporter of South

Mississippi law enforcement agencies, Taylor and his staff have worked with the Department of Justice to help several towns and counties beef up their police forces under these programs recently.

"With the continued growth all over South Mississippi,

keeping our cities' police departments strong is very important," said Taylor. "Important not only for the continued safety and peace of mind for our citizens, but for the safety and protection of our fine law enforcement officers whose daily job is to risk their life on the streets."

Gavney issues warning to county residents

BY ED LEPOMA

With the hurricane season fast approaching June 1, it might be a good idea to check to see if you're in compliance with federal flood regulations.

Willie Gavney, chief building inspector with the Hancock County Planning Commission, said property owners could be denied all or part of federal relocation or reconstruction loans

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Willie Gavney

The circus is here!

Young and old alike enjoyed the King Royal Circus on Friday night in Bay St. Louis. Due to concerns from animal rights activists, a scheduled elephant race between Waveland Mayor

John Mason and Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre was canceled. However, the two mayors did ride elephants into the "big tent" to begin the circus. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

Bay bans vehicles from the beach

night.

The prohibition covers automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, three-wheelers and four-wheelers.

Council member James Thriffiley had asked last week that the ordinance be prepared for adoption -- including a ban

on glass containers and dogs.

But City Attorney John Scalfide said the city already has a beach ban on glass containers in effect, and the city's leash law applies to the beach-going dogs.

The new ordinance allows certain types of vehicles on the

beach, including police and emergency vehicles, beach maintenance equipment and authorized construction equipment.

Public events and activities authorized by the mayor or chief of police may also be granted exceptions.

Violators are subject to a

\$500 fine and up to 30 days in jail.

Thriffiley said that he'd asked for the vehicle ban because he'd seen a number of sports vehicles on the beach recently, posing a danger to pedestrians and children.

Pass approves Brown

BY TRACI BONNEY

The Pass Christian school board approved school personnel, including head football coach Joseph Brown, for the 1996-97 school year at the board's Tuesday recess meeting.

The roster of personnel was approved 3-2, with board members Dale Moran and Randy Dewitt casting the dissenting votes.

Moran said, "I didn't want to vote on the superintendent's recommendations as a package. While in executive session to discuss personnel, I asked that we be allowed to take the recommendations individually. My request was denied."

Dewitt added, "I didn't want to vote on all the recommendations as a block, either. Like Mr. Moran, I wanted to be able to vote on each one separately."

Superintendent Dr. Philip Terrell, who notified the teachers and administrators of the board's decision Wednesday morning, stated, "There was a

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Great Horned Owl healthy, free again

BY ED LEPOMA

What happens when a Great Horned Owl has lost its tail feathers or rudder?

You hope she's lucky enough to be given a transplant, courtesy of the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Natural Preservation Society, Inc., whose dedicated staff and volunteers work fulltime to heal injured wildlife so they can return to their natural habitat.

Barbara Dell, WRANPS director, reports that the owl was admitted to the clinic in

Pass Christian last Nov. 28.

"A broken wing had already healed with the two ends overlapping half an inch," said Dell. "She was emaciated and covered with bugs--never a good sign--since birds usually keep their feathers immaculate."

Dell said she thought she had a "permanent" bird, she would have to find a home for, but then the owl showed hopeful signs of progress.

"She began gaining weight

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Set free

Barbara Dell, director of the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Natural Preservation Society Inc., in Pass Christian, is pictured shortly before she released back into the wild a Great Horned Owl treated by the center and brought back to health. (Photo courtesy of WRANPS)

Depot vandals concern council

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Just as some officials feared, vandals have begun hurling rocks through the windows of the Bay St. Louis depot.

City Council members were told recently that several windows in the historic building were broken almost immediately after workers installed

them last week. The building is undergoing a major reconstruction effort to restore it to its original condition.

Architect Kevin Fitzpatrick -- who has warned council repeatedly about vandalism troubles at the project site -- said his fears for the windows

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ROSE GARZA
WALTER GEHRKE
SALVADORE MIGLIORE
ROBERT H. SONGY
CATHERINE R. WALLACE
DIXIE WEAVER

RUFUS ABSHIRE

Rufus Abshire, 54, died Friday, March 29, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Abshire was sent from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Laman-Panno-Fallo Funeral Home in New Orleans for services and burial.

MAVIS J. ANSALVISH—
Mavis J. Ansalvish, 72, of Diamondhead, died Friday, March 29, 1996, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Ansalvish was a native of Kentucky and a Catholic.

She was preceeded in death by her parents, Arnold J. and Mattie Day Kelley; one brother, Billy E. Kelley; and one sister, Marie A. Hamilton.

Survivors include her husband, James P. Ansalvish of Diamondhead; one daughter, Patricia Rigidon Deacon of Pass Christian; five brothers, James E. Kelley, Big Stone Gap, Va.; Carl E. Kelley, Columbus, Ga.; David L. Kelley, Clarksville, Tenn.; and Bobby J. Kelley and Freedy W. Kelley, both of Harlan, Ky.; two sisters, Mary Alice Gembach, East Stone Gap, Va.; and Carolyn A. Draughon, Nashville, Tenn.; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A visitation will be held today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home chapel.

Burial will be at the Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery

Mausoleum, Bay St. Louis.

ALICE NEAL BERRY

Alice Neal Berry, 63, of Waveland, died Monday, March 25, 1996, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Berry was born and lived most of her life in Columbia. She was an insurance and real estate secretary and a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Paula Berry of Waveland; a son, Paul G. Berry of Denham Springs, La.; a sister, Lillian O. Wolfe of Florence; a brother, Bobby Joe Oswalt of Columbia; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Columbia Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia.

ROSE GARZA

Rose Garza, 80, of Waveland, died Thursday, March 28, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Garza was a native of Waveland. She was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland, the St. Clare Sodality, and for many years coordinator of the Saints and Sinner dances at St. Clare.

She was preceeded in death by her husband, John Garza; her parents, August and Jennie Lester Ruhr, and a sister, Vivian Moller.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Visitation is scheduled from 7-10 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A recitation of the Rosary is scheduled for 8 p.m.

A procession will leave the funeral home at 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. at St. Clare.

Burial will be in Waveland Cemetery.

Cultivate springtime magic into beautiful yard

Whether you're an amateur "gardener" or an experienced horticulturist, now is the time to spring for a yard that will turn your neighbors green with envy.

Yards reflect personalities, and while there are no set rules for making a yard beautiful, several general guidelines can make the planning easier, says Joe Symons, coordinator of landscaping and grounds maintenance at The University of Mississippi.

• Start with a master plan. Consider professional advice as an investment. When making purchases of shrubs and plants, seek out a garden center that will include planning advice free of charge or at a reasonable cost.

"You can always work flexibility into your plan," says Symons. "However, a master plan will keep you from making major mistakes like planting a shrub or tree that will eventually outgrow its location."

• Invest in a few good basic tools. While primitive man probably did okay with a forked stick, have on hand a wheelbarrow, shovel, hoe, yardrake, garden rake, pick ax, water hose, hand clippers and fertilizer distributor. The better the quality, the longer they will last.

• Choose plants suited to your climate. Since much of the Mid-South is on the border of the hardiness zone, says Symons, it's usually better to refer to the colder zone for the selection of plants. Also, try to select disease-resistant varieties of shrubs, trees and roses.

• Put soil to the test every two to three years. Soil is the lifeblood of plants. "It's impossi-

ble to start an effective lawn care program without the proper soil condition," the Ole Miss coordinator says.

• Plant summer-flowering bulbs; divide spring-flowering bulbs. Gladioli and other summer-flowering bulbs can be planted after danger of frost is past — about mid-April. Daffodils and other spring-flowering Dutch bulbs that have been growing several seasons probably need to be divided to ensure optimal blooming. Wait until the green tops die back before dividing.

• Establish sod on your lawn. Sodding with adequate watering can be accomplished most any time of the year with the exception of the coldest months of winter, says Symons.

Seeding is the easiest and most economical way to establish a sod. Sow Fescue seed in early spring or fall and Bermuda after mid-April when the danger of frost is past. Fescue grows well in the shade; Bermuda grass tolerates full sun and drought and spreads very quickly.

• Add fresh mulch around trees and shrubs. "Mulching is a necessity," the Ole Miss staff says. Whether bark or pine needles, mulch gives a manicured look.

The family of **Karen Fayard Sotak** would like to express its deepest appreciation for all of the prayers, offerings of flowers, blood donations and food so graciously given to us in our time of need. This unfortunate family death has given to us a renewed hope in our family community and made us aware of just how many people love us.

Karen would be so happy to know that the multitude of people visiting with her were sending a shout heard in the Heavens that God surely could not miss hearing.

Again thanking all of you,
The Smith-Sotak-Fayard Family

WALTER GEHRKE

Walter A. Gehrke, 84, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, March 28, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Gehrke was a resident of Metairie and Bay St. Louis. He was a retired civil engineer for the Department of the Navy and a former Commodore of the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club.

He was the husband of Martha Bernissant Gehrke; father of Walter A. Gehrke II and Martha Gehrke Merrigan; brother of George M. Gehrke of Mesa, Ariz.; son of the late Otto H. Gehrke and Anna Boehlke. Survivors include three grandchildren.

Mr. Gehrke was sent from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Leitz Eagan Funeral Home in Metairie, La., for services and burial.

SALVADORE MIGLIORE

Salvadore John Migliore, 65, of Metairie, La., died Saturday, March 23, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Migliore was a native of Tickfaw, La., and a resident of Metairie for 30 years.

He was the husband of Anne Migliore; father of Joe W. and the late Don Migliore; grandfather of Brad, Chad and Angel; brother of Victoria, Vincent, Joe and Frank and the late Frances, Sarah, John, Brazil and Tony.

Mr. Migliore was sent from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Professional Funeral Services in New Orleans.

Private services were conducted Monday, March 25 in Garden of Memories Mausoleum.

ROBERT H. SONGY

Robert "Bob" Songy, 58, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, March 28, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Songy was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Mississippi for the past 10 years. He was a well-known artist.

Mr. Songy was a son of Henry J. Songy Jr. and the late Myrna Lacoste Songy; stepson of Marie B. Songy; brother of William "Bill" Songy, Barbara S. Zuviche, Bette S. Bertucci and Bonnie S. Nicaud. He is also survived by 16 nieces and nephews.

Mr. Songy was sent from Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to McMahon-Coburn-Briede Funeral Home in New Orleans for services and burial.

The family prefers donations to Earthman Foundation, P.O.

Card of Thanks

Thank you on behalf of the family of Mrs. Doris Maurice.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece; if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friends could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our heart.

We thank you so much, whatever the part.

The Maurice Family

Box 6306, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

CATHERINE R. WALLACE

Mrs. Catherine Ruth "NaNa" Wallace, 64, of Long Beach, died Tuesday, March 26, 1996, in Long Beach.

Mrs. Wallace was a native of Philadelphia, Pa. and had lived on the Coast since 1959. She retired from TG&Y after working for 12 years at the Hardy Court store. She was a member of Mississippi City United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Cuthbert.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Valentine Wallace of Long Beach; a daughter, Deborah Ruth Wallace Tressie; a brother, James Stevenson Cuthbert of Concordville, Pa.; a sister, Mazie Cuthbert Barbuto of Lindenworld, N.J.; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation was Thursday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport. Services were conducted Friday in the funeral home chapel. Burial was in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens in Long Beach.

DIXIE WEAVER

Dixie Jane Beasley Weaver, 44, died Wednesday, March 27, 1996 in New Orleans.

Mrs. Weaver was born in Lewisville, Ark. and lived in Bay St. Louis for the past eight years. She was employed as a legal secretary at Purcell Co. Inc., Diamondhead and was a member of First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Weaver was preceded in death by her parents, Sidgel Beasley and Dixon Douglas Beasley Sr.

Survivors include her husband, Lawson R. Weaver; a daughter, Hali Jane Weaver; a sister, Virginia Ann Baker; and a brother, Dixon Douglas Beasley Jr.

Visitation was Friday evening at Smith Funeral Home Chapel, Stamps, Ark. Burial was in Wilson Cemetery, Lewisville, Ark.

Mr. Songy was a son of Henry J. Songy Jr. and the late Myrna Lacoste Songy; stepson of Marie B. Songy; brother of William "Bill" Songy, Barbara S. Zuviche, Bette S. Bertucci and Bonnie S. Nicaud. He is also survived by 16 nieces and nephews.

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The Maurice Family

The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society, 1-800-227-2345.

A memorial service will be conducted Tuesday, April 2 at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

I realize that by the time you read this column the Final Four in basketball will be reduced to the final two.

A lot of basketball interest has been stirred in Mississippi with the Mississippi State Bulldogs making it to New York City's Madison Square Garden and showing class in doing so.

The Southeastern Conference has really shown its power this year with the Bulldogs and Kentucky reaching the Final Four.

And to add to that boost, what about the Southeastern Lady basketball exploits? Tennessee and Georgia have made it to the Final Four in the ladies division.

From Bay St. Louis, I have been informed, at least three were at the Garden Saturday pulling for Bulldog basketball greats, Leo Seal and his sons Leo and Lee.

Former Bay St. Louis resident Kelly McQueen and son Christopher are also reported to be in New York. McQueen resides in Picayune, but his son is a senior at St. Stanislaus. What a graduation present for Christopher, a trip to the Final Four in Madison Square Garden.

Like the majority of Mississippians, I am hoping the 'Dogs will still be alive as you read this and go all the way.

I received a note from a Bay St. Louis resident complaining about the amount of time she had to wait for the signal lights to change on U.S. 90 at Dunbar.

Really, this is nothing new. I have had to wait at times for an extended length of time for a light change.

This person reports she timed the change, and it was two minutes and 45 seconds she had to wait on Dunbar to cross the highway.

Others have reported delays to me in the crossing the highway at Dunbar.

I also know the signal to cross U.S. 90 at the Bay Bridge is hard to trigger as your vehicle has to be on an exact spot to trigger.

It is possible the Department of Transportation needs to check these signals and make sure they are working properly.

While on the subject of the highway, recent rains have caused several pot holes between Dunbar and Main Street on U.S. 90, as well as several beginning to re-break between Dunbar and the bridge.

Highway 90 is really in need of repair on that section of the road.

Legionnaires and Auxiliary members of Bay St. Louis Post No. 139 and Waveland American Legion Post No. 77 had the honor of the presence of National Commander Daniel A. Ludwig last Saturday.

At the Bay St. Louis Post a wine and cheese party was held for Commander Ludwig. He was presented a proclamation by auxiliary member Janet Aime on behalf of the City of Bay St. Louis.

In Waveland, Post 77 Commander Ludwig was welcomed by Mayor John Mason.

Commander Ludwig at Waveland made presentations of paid life memberships to five Legionnaires who had 50 or more years of continuous service. They were Edwin D. Haber, Emile J. Malandra, Warren J. Norton, Linwood L. Rutherford and Delmer Wilcox.

The American Legion is a vital organization for all veterans who qualify for membership.

In Hancock County there are three American Legion posts, Bay St. Louis, Standard and Waveland. There is a need for more memberships.

Memberships are available.

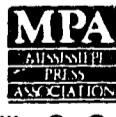
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Child Abuse Prevention Month

Dina Hitt, left, with the South Mississippi Family Child Center Board of Directors, presents May Ann Barbetta of the Bay St. Louis Mayor's Office a blue ribbon in exchange for a proclamation from the mayor recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. A blue ribbon was also presented to Waveland Mayor John Mason in exchange for a proclamation recognizing child abuse prevention in Waveland.

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By State Senator Scottie Cuevas

Legislature may wrap up '96 session this week

Submitted by Senator Scottie R. Cuevas

The Legislature's 1996 Session could be wrapped up this week (April 1-6) although officially we're scheduled to depart the Capitol on Sunday, April 14.

Last week was marked by some floor debate, with the bulk of work in conference committees and confirmation hearings for the Governor's appointments requiring Senate approval.

Most confirmation hearings are thorough, but generally routine with Senators considering background checks on nominees and asking questions about specific areas of knowledge or concern.

One unusual hearing occurred at mid-week. On Wednesday, a four-hour subcommittee hearing on appointments to the State College board ended with the four nominations being tabled for further consideration. I am not sure what the next step will be with these nominations or even if they will be brought to the full Senate before the session ends.

As for bills, their final versions were being made in conference meetings, which are not open to the public. The full Senate will have a look at them as they are reported from the conferences. We can either accept the bills as they are presented to us or send them back ("Recommit") for additional discussion.

One bill which I introduced was passed commending Shani Necaice for receiving the 1996 Secondary Science Teaching Award sponsored by the Mississippi Academy of Sciences.

YOUTH COURT BILL
The Uniform Youth Court bill is truly dead. Two weeks ago after the bill had been killed in a House Appropriations Subcommittee, the Senate took action to revive the proposal — SB 2440, which would create a uniform system of youth courts in 47 of the state's 82 counties.

Apparently, the House did not support its revival and we have learned that the measure will die in the House rules Committee.

The Youth Court bill was the centerpiece of anti-juvenile crime legislation this session. New ideas with a price tag on them have had a tough time during this session because so little extra money is available within the Fiscal Year 1997 budget. I certainly hope the budget situation improves next year so that the Youth Court bill will have a better chance of passing.

Fortunately, some anti-crime bills have survived, including the Mississippi Streetgang Act which helps cities recover monetary damages from street gangs, and the bill to establish "Teen Courts" to help youth courts handle some cases involving first-time non-violent misdemeanor offenses. In addition, the Governor signed the

bill to allow youth courts to commit mentally disturbed juvenile offenders for care by the Department of Mental Health.

DEADLINE LOOMING

Thursday, March 28 was the deadline either to agree with House amendments to Senate general bills and constitutional amendments or go to conference committees to work out differences. The House was working under an identical deadline to act on Senate amendments to its bills.

We also worked Saturday and Sunday to consider bills coming under past-paced deadlines this week.

Monday, April 1 the Senate worked under the double pressure from deadlines to adopt conference reports on spending bills and for filing conference committee reports on general bills and constitutional amendments. Total allocations from the state's General Fund are expected at about \$2.76 billion.

Unless general bills or constitutional amendments are recommitted to conferences, we must act on their conference reports by adjournment Wednesday, April 3. We have until Friday, April 5 to adopt reports on the bills that were recommitted.

Conference reports are the result of negotiations between House and Senate members appointed to work out differences between the two houses on a particular bill. Both houses must agree with the conference report before a bill can go the Governor's Office for approval.

Local and private bills, as well as a few bills for which deadlines have been suspended, are still making their way through the legislative process and could be considered up to the very last minute.

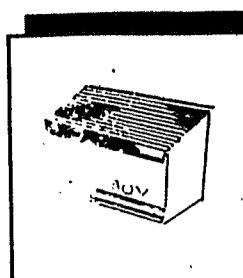
Two high-profile bills acted on by the governor last week were approval of additional regulations on state abortion clinics and a veto of restrictions to the initiative process by the Senate's adjournment Friday, it was unclear if the Senate would vote to override the veto.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Father says expulsion was unfair to son

Dear Editor:

This is a letter to all the parents out there as well as Mr. Tisdale.

There is a drug problem at Bay High, but it is much bigger than this Ritalin (medication).

I feel as a parent, this so called Ritalin Ring was a joke. These children should have been punished, but in another way.

My son is an honor roll student, has never been in trouble at school missed a day. He was not caught with any-

thing, but did admit to buying one 50 cent pill and did not take it at school. As it was said in the meeting, it could have even been an aspirin.

But he was punished — out of school. Do you think this is helping him? No.

There were kids to lie, and they're still in school. Does it pay to tell the truth — or to know someone in the school system?

Myron Oliver
Bay St. Louis

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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

In the dead of a cold January night, the 200-year-old Little Zion Baptist Church near Boli-
ge, west Alabama suddenly
erupted into flames so searing
that everything combustible
was quickly reduced to ashes.

This was but one of a handful
of torchings in Alabama. Two
years before, two black churches
had been burned north of
Hattiesburg, Mississippi, soon
followed by several in Louisiana. Some in Alabama were vandali-
zed instead of burned.

Was that 1960? Not! Incredi-
bly, it was 1994-1996, when
29 black churches around the

South became the target of
arsonists. Fortunately, the
"powers that be" which sup-
ported the hundreds of fires in
the '60s stand firmly against
them now.

Since these torchings are
openly abhorred by the authori-
ties, civil and social leaders
everywhere, there is a huge dif-
ference from 36 years ago. The
hopeful part is that this insan-
ity appears to belong to the one
percent lunatic fringe.

However, the worst part of
this unfortunate craze appears
to be a two-edged sword. While
some black people think they
are in a time warp wrenching

them back to the terror of their
fearful yesterdays, many
whites live a terror of their own.

The same undisciplined, dis-
respectful, reckless, fearless,
morally bankrupt black child-
ren and youth who are decimating
each other are simultane-
ously striking mortal fear into whites. They are the minor-
ity among youth, yet the loudest.

Day after day, radio talk
shows document live voices of
whites fearful of living in the
inner city. In mortal fear for the
safety of their spouse and family,
they are continuing to
migrate to the suburbs and sur-
rounding hamlets.

These white voices are angry,
strident and suffused with raw
fear of young black thugs. They
feel robbed of their birthright,
the inner city with all its former
glories.

Just as young blacks are
inflicting on one another many
times over whatever evil the
KKK of old wanted to inflict on
blacks, so are these young
blacks becoming the equivalent
of a black KKK to whites,
drenching them with violence
and fear.

"What goes around comes
around," and "The sins of the
fathers will be visited upon the
children," some will say, asserting
that whites are now reaping
the awful evil they have sown.
That is both simplistic and anti-
Christian.

There seems to be general
agreement that most of today's
racism in the U.S. is under-
ground in secret racist organiza-
tions or coded in the teach-
ings of some extreme right-wing
media hosts, analysts and politi-
cians who encourage racism.

We do know there is a vicious
cycle at work here, a cycle which
cannot be broken without good-
will initiatives from both sides.
First, all class warfare and all
cultural warfare must be
rejected out of hand by all of us.

What must be done and
things we can do is a study to
itself, but there is definitely
hope on the horizon. One great

Explore the wide world of grains

Remember when breakfast
cereal ads touted the health
benefits of fiber in whole
grains? Health experts still
advise eating more fiber for lower
cancer risk — but most
Americans seem to have
stopped with breakfast,
because surveys show we still
don't get enough fiber from
grains for good health.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture tells us we should eat 6 to 11 servings of grain products per day. Research studies show that a high-fiber diet can help lower our cancer risk, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research.

But if six servings sounds like more than you can eat, take another look: one serving is only a half-cup of rice, for example, or one slice of bread. And with the great variety of grains now available in most supermarkets, eating plenty need never be boring.

Choosing whole wheat versions of breads, spaghetti, pretzels and pancakes is a good start to getting more whole grains and fiber in your diet. A slice of whole-wheat bread has about three times the amount of fiber than white bread ("wheat" bread is often only flavored to taste and look like whole-wheat bread; make sure whole-wheat flour or whole-grain flour is listed first in the ingredients). Rye and pumpernickel breads have about three times more fiber than white bread.

Here is a guide to some of the more unusual and nutritious grains that can make healthy eating delicious and interesting.

Bulgur, a whole-grain form of wheat, provides 4 grams of fiber, 3 grams of protein, 17 grams of carbohydrate, plus iron, thiamine and niacin in each cooked half-cup serving. Tabouleh, a Middle Eastern salad of tomatoes, cucumber, parsley and bulgur tossed with olive oil, lemon juice and garlic, is probably bulgur's best known form in the U.S. However, it is delicious served hot as an alternative to rice or potatoes, and cooks quickly.

BULGUR WITH GINGER AND SPRING ONIONS
2 cups water
1/2 cups chicken stock
1/4 cups bulgur or cracked wheat
1 Tbsp. grated gingerroot
1/2 cup finely chopped scallions

In a saucepan, bring the water and chicken stock to a boil; add the bulgur and ginger. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until tender (cooking time will be 10 minutes longer for cracked wheat).

Each of the 6 servings has 112 calories and 1 gram of fat.

BROWN RICE contains three times more fiber and vitamin E and three times more magnesium than white rice because the bran layer is not removed. It's delicious cooked in low-fat broth instead of water, and its nutty taste gives it a heartiness and makes it a good accompaniment to strong flavors like curry, red wine sauces, and vinaigrette salad dressings. Here is a version of brown rice that has a delicious lemony twist.

BROWN RICE WITH DATES AND LEMONS
1 fresh lemon
1 1/2 cups quick-cooking brown rice

1 Tbsp. dried parsley
3 pitted dates, chopped

Prepare the rice according to package directions. After you have stirred the rice into boiling water, sprinkle dried parsley on the top to steam as the rice cooks. While the rice cooks, chop the dates.

Grate the lemon to get about 3/4 teaspoon of rind; then squeeze to get 1 tablespoon of juice. When the rice is done, slowly pour in the lemon juice while fluffing the rice lightly with a fork to ensure even distribution, toss in the lemon rind and chopped dates until well combined.

Each of the two servings contains one gram of fat and 199 calories.

BUCKWHEAT (also known as Kasha) is actually a grass, but it looks, cooks and tastes like a grain. Groats, the pale kernel in the buckwheat shells, are used most often as flour in pancakes, biscuits and muffins.

However, groats make a fine breakfast cereal and are a good substitute for rice or pasta. Add one cup of groats to two cups boiling water or broth, then cover, reduce heat, and simmer about 15 minutes or until the liquid is absorbed. Kasha is made from roasted and hulled buckwheat kernels and has a light brown color and toasty flavor.

KASHA SALAD WITH CHICK PEAS AND GARLIC
1 cup uncooked kasha
2 cups water
3 cloves garlic minced
1 15.5 oz. can chick peas
1 red bell pepper, finely chopped
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 Tbsp. dried parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
8 cherry tomatoes, stems removed, cut in half.

Rinse the kasha and bring the water to a boil in a 2-quart saucepan. Stir the kasha into the boiling water. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for 15 minutes. Spoon the cooked kasha into a bowl and stir in the chick peas, garlic and red pepper. Pour in the lemon juice, add the parsley and toss. Add salt and pepper if desired. Serve warm or cold, garnished with cherry tomatoes.

Each of the 8 servings contains 151 calories and 1 gram of fat.

BARLEY is available in whole-grain form as pot (scotch) barley. Refined pearl barley is white and translucent with its husk removed, while whole-grain pot barley provides more fiber because only the outer layer of the husk is removed. You can get quick-cooking barley to avoid soaking the regular kind overnight before cooking. Barley's chewy texture is delicious in pilafs, stir-fries or stuffing, and can be used to flavor and thicken soups and stews.

Barley casserole combines barley with mushrooms and is an easy-to-prepare side-dish.

BARLEY CASSEROLE
2 Tbsp. margarine
2 medium onions, chopped
3/4 lb. mushrooms, sliced
1 1/2 cups whole-grain barley
3 pimientos, chopped
2 cups defatted, reduced sodium chicken stock or low-sodium bouillon
Pepper to taste

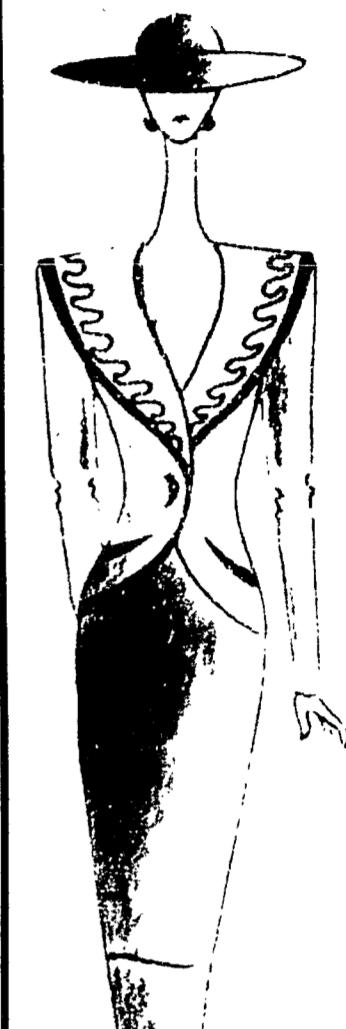
New age of coded racism?

ray of hope is the National Coalition of Barrios Unidos (United Neighborhoods) about to meet in D.C. April 3-6.

Driven to desperate action by the constantly accelerating, exploding violence in America, members and former members of Latino street gangs will converge with mothers of children killed in gang warfare. Very apropos for Holy Week.

Clergy, government officials and others will join them. This sounds like a dynamite quantum leap. Thank God.

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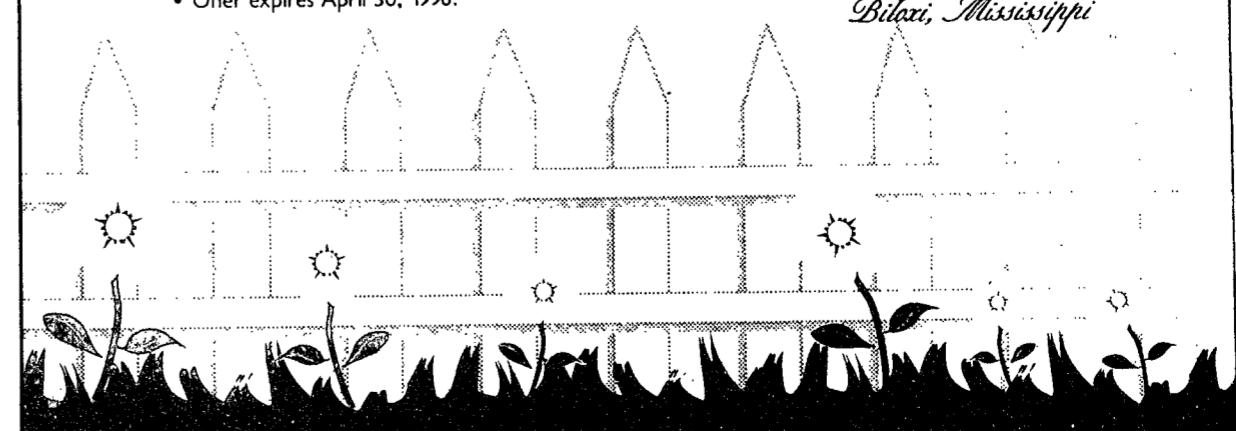
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SPORTS

Sellier continues win streak at Sun Coast

Kalif Sellier of DeLisle made it three in a row at Sun Coast Speedway in Pass Christian as he went flag to flag in the Four Cylinder Modified class. Sellier shared the front row with heat winner Randy Randle for the start of the feature. As the green flag fell, Sellier moved to the front and was never headed.

Randle slipped a little high coming out of turn two, allowing Marus Jacob and David Allison to slip past. A couple of laps later, Allison crossed up in turn one collecting Jacob and Jody Miller. Jacob was towed to the pit area, while Miller remained in the race.

Randle worked his way back into the second spot followed by Pat Linton as the checkered flag came out. Sellier asked that his win be dedicated to fellow sportsman driver Mike Ladner's family.

Billy Joe Schonewitz also claimed another Late Model Sportsman feature win, continuing his domination of this class. Mitchell Williams shared

the front row with pole sitter Steve Milstead. Schonewitz blasted to the front as they came out of the second corner and made it a one-car breakaway.

Second place finisher Tracy Brown chased Schonewitz all the way, but could not challenge for the lead. Milstead and Williams both held the second spot before giving way to Brown after Williams got loose in turn one and Milstead also fell victim to handling problems.

Williams did manage to hold on to the third spot over Nickey Wilson as the race ended. Schonewitz also won the earlier heat race with a commanding performance in his Arts Auto-powered machine.

Chris Moran of Gulfport also went flag to flag for the Street Stock feature win. Chuckie Smith was fast qualifier, but dropped from the second spot with a flat tire moving Randy Sexton and Eddie Willis in behind Moran.

Chris Bilbo moved into the

third spot followed by Michael Williams. Heat wins went to Bob Morning, Scott Stealman and Johnnie Willis.

Wallace Allen won his second Pro Stock feature of the season, as he lead every lap with little pressure from the rest of the field. Owen Kosab, driving in relief of Bubba McQueen, who was injured last week, was making a strong showing before crossing up in turn one.

Kosab also collected Larry Cifra in the process. This moved Rodney Bruce into the second spot.

Jamie Luzenberg also suffered handling problems as he fell back in the pack and eventually pitted for repairs. Bobby Helmer moved his first-time-out ride into the third spot, while Luzenberg returned to finish fourth. Cifra and Bruce both won earlier heats.

Steve Pate of Ocean Springs, last year's Rookie Class points champion, held on to the feature in a caution-filled race. Only two cars remained in

action as the checkered flag came out. Jack Ferrill Jr. chased Pate to the flag.

Rocks sail to district championship

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The St. Stanislaus sailing team placed first in their district competition on Saturday, March 23 at the Pass Christian Yacht Club.

The Rocks won the Southeast District Interscholastic sailing competition enabling them to move on to national competition in the month of April.

The Rocks defeated Jesuit of New Orleans and Bayside of

Alabama who finished second and third, respectively.

Top sailors for the Rocks were John Dane, Kippy Chamberlain, Sanders Kane, and David Taylor.

Park Ten Lanes bowling update

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Park Ten Lanes in Diamondhead has announced the results of their league play from last week.

On March 16 the Silver Classic Kids held play in a boys and girls division. In the boys division high games were recorded by Pepper Vance with a score of 157, Brett English 147, Wyatt Blackwell 87, and Wesley Parker with a 150. High series were tallied by Pepper Vance with a total of 354, Brett English 412, and Wyatt Blackwell with a 228.

In the girls division, high games were tallied by Jami English with a score of 168, Dana Kimmel 150, Kendall Schindler 126, Ashley Smith 148, Jamie Perniciaro 139, Mallory Siler 137, and Jenna Rose with a 131. High series were recorded by Jami English with a 459, Dana Kimmel 395, and Kendall Schindler with a 346.

The Bronze Classics Kids also held their play on March 16 with Alex Siler recording a high game of 114 and a high series of 340.

The Gold Classics Kids played their league on March 16 with Cory English having a high game of 256 and a high series of 670.

On March 18 the Golden Ages held their play with high games coming from Margie Larsen with a score of 165, Ruth Haas 139, Jeannette Lind 187, Buckshot Thomas 187, Bill Marcel 236, Laura Acheson 181, and Virginia Monlez with a 172.

High series were tallied by Margie Larsen with a 434, Jeannette Lind 532, Bill Marcel 610, and Virginia Monlez with a 424.

Morning Glory held their play on March 18 with Alex Jones having a high game of 172, Carla Santiago 170, Jeannie Cucurullo 151, Mary Motto 158, Melissa Hussey 158, Elaine Spiers 170, Doris Nethery 151, Jo Ann Cucurullo 166, Peggy May 163, Denise Poulton 162, and Peggy Clemons 156.

On March 19 the Tuesday Nite Mixed Up group held their league play. High games were recorded by Gaylene O'Cain with a score of 164, Duke Levy, Jr. 182, Kathy Pokorny 160, Stacy White 168, Wayne Austin 215, Belinda Butler 169, David DiLorenzo 206, Earl Hall 226, Ron Jones 207, David Bell 223, Diana Bell 142, Kevin Stamps 225, David Brewer 225, Carolyn Bechard 181, Alex Jones 178, Larry Jones 216, and Ernie Ozanne 210. High series were tallied by Gaylene O'Cain with a 409, Ron Jones 605, David Bell 609, and Kevin Stamps 619.

Wednesday Nite Mens league held their play on March 20 with David Mixon getting a high game with a score 194, Cliff Everhart 180, Don Nemecek 210, Dan Aman 217, Dan McAfee 255, Rick Collins 209, Lew Shank 223, Bill Marcel 201, Clay Ledkins 200, Andy Ramsey 221, Larry Strahan 202, Jimmy Braun 269, Richard Grant 201, Perry Davis Jr. 191, Harvey Davenport 202, Ray Cordle 222, Chuck Slater 224, Roger Brown 218, Johnny Muniz 236, Bob Hendricks 209, Larry Loveless 208, Leon Christodoulou 241, Andy Andrews 224, Jim Fulford 203, Kirby Gowland, Jr. 201, and Kirby Gowland, III 247.

High series were recorded by Dan Aman with a 601, Don McAfee 613, Rick Collins 582, Jimmy Braun 751, Ray Cordle 628, Chuck Slater 608, and Kirby Gowland, III with a 672.

Ladies Nite Out held their league play on March 20 with high games coming from Allen Jones with a 156, Leslie Styhl 214, Peggy May 178, Joan Contreras 180, Martha Bryan 160, Michelle Parmeter 276, Donna Nicasio 180, Peggy Clemons 202, and Gerry Baden with a 213. Parmeter's game was 100 pin over her average.

High series games were tallied by Leslie Styhl with a 628, Michelle Parmeter 614, Jeanette Ehret 411, and Gerry Baden 583.

Feed horse show

An Open Feed Horse Show is being held Saturday, April 13 at the County Fairgrounds in Poplarville. The show starts at 5:30 p.m. with children's events.

The show is sponsored by

Pearl River County 4-H and is open to all interested youths and adults.

For information, call 795-6287, 795-8916 or 798-9358.

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AGENDA

NOTE: This agenda is preliminary and is subject to change.

APRIL 2, 1996 • 7:00 P.M.

BAY ST. LOUIS CITY HALL • SECOND STREET

- 1] Call to Order
- 2] Invocation
- 3] SPECIAL GUESTS (Workshop)
 - Art Reben & Pat Rich
 - Bay Area Youth Soccer
- 4] SPECIAL GUEST (Meeting)
 - Geraldine Lang
 - Gulf Coast Community Action Agency
- 5] SPECIAL GUEST (Meeting)
 - Larry Kehrer
 - Gulf Coast Recycling
- 6] PLANNING & ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS
 - Maurice Colly
 - Application for Special Exception/Variance
- 7] Clerk of Council's Report
 - a. Minutes: March 19 & 26, 1996
 - b. Schedule of Events
- 8] Municipal Clerk's Report
 - a. Docket of Claims
- 9] Mayor's Report
 - a. Travel Request
- 10] Attorney's Report - John Scafide, Don Rafferty
- 11] New Business
- 12] Old Business
 - a. Property Cleanup Review
- 13] Public Forum
- 14] Council Member Comments
- 15] Adjourn

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The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting public suggestions for future Transportation programs and projects. The MDOT is preparing the Fiscal Year 1997 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for projects to be placed under contract after October 1, 1996, and prior to September 30, 1999.

The STIP includes Highway, Transit, and Rail projects. The current STIP covers the period October 1, 1995 - September 30, 1998, and is available for review at the offices listed below.

Public comment must be submitted by April 17, 1996, and suggestions may be deposited at these sites or sent by mail to Executive Director, MDOT, Attention Planning Division, P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, MS 39215-1850.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM REVIEW LOCATIONS:

Central Mississippi Planning & Development Dist., 1170 Lakeland Dr., Jackson, MS	601-981-1511
Gulf Regional Planning Commission, 1232 Pass Rd., Gulfport, MS	601-864-1167
Hattiesburg Dept. of Planning and Community Dev., 200 Forrest St., Hattiesburg, MS	601-545-4501
Memphis - Shelby County Off. of Plan & Dev., 125 N Mid America Mall, Memphis, TN	901-576-6768
Meridian Community Development Dept., City Hall, 601 24th Ave., Meridian, MS	601-485-1910
MDOT District 1 Office, 1909 N Gloster St., Tupelo, MS	601-842-1122
Aberdeen Project Office, 5178 Highway 25 South, Aberdeen, MS	601-369-8411
Corinth Project Office, Highway 45 Bypass @ Golding Dr., Corinth, MS	601-286-3929
New Albany Project Office, Highway 178 East, New Albany, MS	601-534-5121
Starkville Project Office, Highway 82 East, Starkville, MS	601-323-4545
MDOT District 2 Office, Highway 61 North, Batesville, MS	601-563-4541
Clarksdale Project Office, 16575 Highway 61 North, Lyon, MS	601-624-6448
Greenwood Project Office, Highway 49 South, Greenwood, MS	601-453-7430
Grenada Project Office, 1517 Jackson Ave., Grenada, MS	601-226-3351
Holly Springs Project Office, Highway MS 7 @ US 78, Holly Springs, MS	601-252-4410
Oxford Project Office, 2000 Old Taylor Rd., Oxford, MS	601-234-6521
Senatobia Project Office, 152 Matthew Dr., Senatobia, MS	601-562-5271
Winona Project Office, 104A Industrial Park Rd., Winona, MS	601-283-1282
MDOT District 3 Office, Highway 49 West, Yazoo City, MS	601-746-2513
Hazlehurst Project Office, 119 W Whitworth St., Hazlehurst, MS	601-894-1271
Indiana Project Office, Highway 49 West, Indiana, MS	601-887-2992
Leland Project Office, Old Highway 61 South, Leland, MS	601-686-4919
Vicksburg Project Office, 650 Highway US 80, Vicksburg, MS	601-636-3664
MDOT District 5 Office, Highway 80 West, Newton, MS	601-683-3341
Carthage Project Office, Highway MS 16 East, Carthage, MS	601-267-3401
Philadelphia Project Office, Highway 15 Bypass, Philadelphia, MS	601-656-2411
MDOT District 6 Office, Highway 49 North, Hattiesburg, MS	601-544-6511
Laura Project Office, 4180 Highway MS 15 North, Laurel, MS	601-428-8434
Lyman Project Office, 16499 Highway 49, Saucier, MS	601-832-0277
Ocean Springs Project Office, 6100 Highway 57, Ocean Springs, MS	601-875-2802
Waynesboro Project Office, 6716 Highway 84 West, Waynesboro, MS	601-735-1122
MDOT District 7 Office, Highway 51 North, McComb, MS	601-684-2111
Brookhaven Project Office, Highway 84 West, Brookhaven, MS	601-833-8300
Foxworth Project Office, Highway 98 West, Foxworth, MS	601-736-4616
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COMMUNITY

Hancock County Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting Schedule

	Group Name	Meeting Type
Monday	Camel	OD
12:10 p.m.	Camel	CD
12:00 p.m.	D'head	CD
8:00 p.m.	Camel	CD
Tuesday	Camel	OD
12:10 p.m.	Camel	CD
7:30 p.m.	Chip-In	CD
8:00 p.m.	Camel	CD
8:00 p.m.	Kiln	OD
Wednesday	Camel	OD
12:10 p.m.	Mustard Seed	OD
8:00 p.m.	Camel	CD
8:00 p.m.	Colleman (Gay)	CD
Thursday	Camel	OD
12:10 p.m.	Camel	CD
8:00 p.m.	D'head	CS
8:00 p.m.	Camel	CD
Friday	D'head	CD
12:10 p.m.	Camel	OD
8:00 p.m.	Camel	CD
8:00 p.m.	Kiln	OD
Saturday	Camel Group	OD
8:00 p.m.	Camel Group	OD
8:00 p.m.	Kiln Group	OD
Sunday	Camel	OD
8:00 p.m.	Mustard Seed	OD
7:00 p.m.	Camel	CS

Adult Literary Education

The Hancock County Library System sponsors an Adult Literacy Education Program at the Waveland Library Literacy Center, 333 Coleman Avenue, Waveland.

Classes provided include GED, basic skills, reading one-on-one, reading classes and more.

Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Mondays and Thursdays.

To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

Alzheimer Support Group

The Bay St. Louis Alzheimer Support Group will meet at the Main Street Methodist Church on final Thursdays of the month at 2 p.m.

The group is affiliated with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association with over 200 chapters nationwide.

ACOA and Al-Anon

ACOA and Al-Anon meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Thursday evenings at 8. For information call 255-9213.

Al-Anon/BSL

Al-Anon, Bay St. Louis chapter, meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 p.m. and Tuesday at 12 noon at 300 Third Street, Bay St. Louis.

Al-Anon is designed for families and friends who are affected by someone else's drinking. For information, call 466-5780.

American Cancer Society

Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock and Harrison county chapters of the American Cancer Society.

Necessary items for patients,

Help Number 467-8556

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handful of non-renewals, but almost all the teachers and administrators were rehired, because we have a good group of employees in this district."

Brown, who has served as head football coach for several years, attracted negative media and community attention last year because of his reaction to the loss of several football players in the midst of a losing sea-

son. When the players quit, Brown had the word "quitter" stamped across their photos in the next week's football game program.

Brown later apologized for his action, saying it was unprofessional and he regretted doing it.

Brown could not be reached for comment about the renewal of his contract.

The fight against cancer.

Teams are currently being recruited through businesses and organizations in Harrison and Hancock counties. Anyone interested in forming a team or participating in one is encouraged to call the local ACS office at 896-7024 for information.

ACS Relay for Life scheduled for May 4

The American Cancer Society will hold its 5th Annual Relay for Life on May 4 at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (Seabee Base) in Gulfport.

The local Relay for Life event is part of a nationwide fund raiser that raised more than \$20 million in 1995 to help win

StennisFest features resident agencies

Stennis Space Center will be hosting a festival showcasing Stennis capabilities April 13-15 and April 17-19.

StennisFest kicks off at 10 a.m. April 13 at the Edgewater Mall in Biloxi. The exhibits will be open April 13, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., April 14, noon-6 p.m., and April 15, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

The event continues in Slidell with opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. April 17 at North Shore Square. StennisFest is scheduled from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. April 17-19.

StennisFest features the chance to:

- Walk through 100 feet of International Space Station living and laboratory modules
- Meet a NASA astronaut
- See real-time images from space of the Mississippi Gulf

National trails funding

Secretary of Transportation Federico Pena announced a \$5.2 million allocation to 20 eligible states for construction and maintenance of recreation trails.

Under the allotment from the Department of Transportation, Mississippi will get just over \$258,000 for trail construction and maintenance, according to Jimmy Graves with the Depart-

ment of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks in Jackson.

According to Graves, the funds may be used to provide urban trails, maintain existing trails, restore areas damaged by trail use, develop trailside and trailhead facilities, provide features that facilitate access and use of trails by people with disabilities, acquire easements for trails.

such as dressings, ostomy and sickroom supplies are available to those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds.

Assistance is available for transportation to qualifying hospitals.

Several rehabilitation programs are offered, including "Reach To Recovery", in which volunteers who have had mastectomies visit new breast cancer patients (with approval of physician) to assist in emotional, physical and psychological rehabilitation.

Battered Women

Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street.

All cases are confidential. Call 435-1968 collect for appointment.

The Gulf Coast Women's Center, a United Way agency, also offers an advocacy program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is available by calling 1-800-800-1396.

Blood Pressure

Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsors free blood pressure testing on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Hancock Medical Center Women's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) conducts free blood pressure testing at the hospital, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

Parents of all age children are welcome.

Family Child Center

The Family Child Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is looking for volunteers.

For information on how you can help prevent child abuse, call 868-8686 or 865-0982.

GED classes

Anyone interested in preparing for the GED will find help at Hancock High School.

Lois Abrams teaches day classes Monday and Tuesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Paul Bottari teaches night classes Monday and Wednesday from 6-9 p.m.

For more information, call Barbara White at 467-2251.

Hancock County Humane Society

The Hancock County Humane Society operates a flea market in Bay St. Louis at the intersection of Hwy. 90 and Drinkwater. Proceeds help needy animal owners with spay-neuter assistance, emergency pet food and emergency medical help.

The society is in constant need of good, but unwanted, articles of every description to sell at the flea market. Gifts are tax-deductible.

Hours are: Closed Monday, open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Humane Society meetings are held quarterly on the third Sunday at 3 p.m. at Jolly Rogers Printing, Hwy. 90.

All are welcome. For information, call 467-7686 Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hancock Co. NAACP

The Hancock County Chapter NAACP meets the third Monday of each month at St. Rose de Lima, 301 Necaise Ave., Bay St. Louis.

Meetings usually begin at 7 p.m. For additional information, contact the Rev. Frances Theriault, SVD, 467-7347.

Homework Assistance Program

A Homework Assistance Program is being offered to Hancock County students through the Save Our Children Center at 405 Necaise Street in Bay St. Louis, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For registration information, call the center at 466-0401.

Hope Haven

Hope Haven meetings are every third Wednesday at 6 p.m. at 126 Court Street, Youth Court Building, in Bay St. Louis.

For more information about StennisFest, call 1-800-237-1821.

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BUSINESS NEWS

THE SEA COAST ECHO—SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1996-8A

New, expanded facilities reflect economic growth in coastal region

The Gulf Coast region of Mississippi showed economic growth in terms of 1995 new and expanded facility announcements, according to statistics compiled by the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development (MDECD).

The agency looked at new and expanded facility announcements in its eight field office regions during 1995. The 1995 New and Expanded Facilities Report, produced by MDECD, provided the information for this summary.

"Mississippi's economy is doing quite well by most standards," said Jimmy Heidel, executive director of the Missis-

sippi Department of Economic and Community Development. "The state's low unemployment rate is the main contributor to this success and the business and industry sector creates the jobs that fuel this growth."

"April is 'Salute to Industry Month' as we pay homage to this sector, and I encourage Mississippians statewide to recognize the many efforts and accomplishments of business and industry throughout the state."

In the Gulf Coast region, new and expanded facility announcements totaled 57 during 1995, with an estimated capital investment of \$352.6

million and some 4,541 new jobs.

In the manufacturing sector, companies announced 48 locations and expansions, creating an estimated 525 jobs and representing a capital investment of \$97.0 million.

In the non-manufacturing category, companies announced nine locations and expansions representing 4,016 jobs and an estimated total investment of \$255.5 million.

Statewide, new and expanded facility announcements totaled 553 during 1995, with an estimated capital investment of \$1.7 billion and approximately 20,630 in job creation.

Several options available to student borrowers now

For many student loan borrowers, lenders that offer their "level" best are often not good enough. Level loan repayments—in which borrowers make full principal and interest payments for the entire 10-year term of the education loan—often do not provide the flexibility that many cash-strapped new college graduates need.

But by opting for a graduated payment plan—or an income-sensitive program—borrowers can cut their initial loan payments nearly in half.

Lenders that partner with Sallie Mae, the nation's leading source of education financing, invite borrowers entering repayment to Select Your Terms.SM

Borrowers can choose a Standard (level) Repayment Account, in which all 120 monthly payments remain relatively constant, or opt for a Select StepSM Account, where they pay only the interest on the loan for either the first two or four years, with payments growing in later years. Or they can select an Income Sensitive Account, which bases payments on a percentage of a borrower's gross monthly income.

"Recent college graduates find Select Step a particularly attractive alternative to level repayment," says Lydia M. Marshall, executive vice president, Sallie Mae. "In the early years of a borrower's career, he or she may need the kind of short-term relief that the plan provides. But two or four years later, with most borrowers earning more, they can handle

larger payments more comfortably."

To illustrate how Select Your Terms works, take recent college graduates: We'll call them Ross, Joey, Rachel and Phoebe. Each owes \$10,000 in federal Stafford loans, the most widely used higher education loan, with an 8.25% interest rate.

With a reasonably well-paying job, Ross opts for Standard Repayment. While his variable interest rate may adjust his monthly payments from year to year, those payments will cover the full principal and interest throughout the loan's 10-year term. At current rates, he'll make monthly payments of \$123 per month in years three through 10.

Joey, struggling to make ends meet but with the potential for higher earnings on the horizon, chooses a Select Step Account. He elects a graduated repayment plan that allows him to make interest-only payments for the first two years—\$69 per month, only about half as much as Ross—which will grow to include principal and interest at \$143 per month in years three through 10.

As for Rachel, who wants the option of keeping payments lower longer, she picks a Select Step Account with interest only—payments for the first four years. Her \$69 a month bill will grow to \$177 per month in years five through 10.

Marshall cautions that the trade-off for lower monthly payments in early years is higher financing costs in the long run. For example, Ross will end up paying \$14,718 while Joey's total

will be \$15,344 and Rachel's \$16,012.

Then there's Phoebe, whose \$20,000 annual income has her exploring an Income Sensitive Repayment Account, which bases monthly payments on a percentage (selected by the borrower between 4% and 25%) of gross monthly income. For every year that payments are less than standard principal and interest, borrowers can extend their term by one year, with up to five years total.

In Phoebe's case, she opts to make Income Sensitive payments at \$69 per month for the first year (choosing 4% of her gross monthly income), and then decides on level repayments of \$123 per month in years two through 11. Phoebe's total payments will equal \$15,543.

If \$69 was still too much for Phoebe to afford, she may be able to qualify for a forbearance, which would allow her to pay less than the monthly accrued interest on the loan. But another word of caution: the forbearance would also contribute to higher overall borrowing costs.

Marshall notes that there is no fee for whatever repayment option borrowers choose and that they can switch to a Standard Repayment Account any time they so choose. For more information about Select Step and Income Sensitive Repayment Accounts, call 1-800-643-0040 or surf over to Sallie Mae's site on the World Wide Web at <http://www.salliemae.com>.

Realtors honored

The recent regionwide year-end awards program, hosted by Century 21, the Mid-South regional director, Martin Rueter, called seven honorees to the state from Century 21 Of Diamondhead.

Carol Beard received a Top Listing Award as the No. 2 listing agent in the Century 21 Gulf Coast Brokers Council and a Top Producer Award as the No. 2 selling agent.

She was also congratulated for achieving the Diamondhead Level of the Century 21 Masters Club in 1995. The Masters Club is a five-tiered levels of achievement program recognizing consistent top producing associates, and Beard is now at the "near topmost rung of the ladder of success," Rueter says.

The firm's Marilyn Cuccia was a 1995 Masters Club Emerald Level honoree as well as in the No. 3 spot for both listing and selling, likewise earning the region's Top Listing Award and Top Producer Award.

Other Master Emerald Club (third level) members who took bows for the year's achievements were Jennifer Gonzales and Ray Gonzales. Mary Mizell worked her way up from an inductee to the second step Ruby Club membership.

And, Rueter presented certificates for achievement and service 1995 to new agents Betsy Nolan and Joe Hamlin.

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AT & T/T	61 1/2	UNCH.
AUTOZONE INC/AZO	33 3/4	+1/2
CALGON CARBON/CCC	12 1/2	-1/4
CASINO MAGIC/CMAG	4 1/2	+15/32
CHEVRON CORP/CHV	56 1/2	+1
COCA COLA/KO	82 3/4	-1 1/2
CSX CORP/CX	45 5/8	-1 1/2
DUPONT/DD	83	-1/4
EUROPA CRUISE/KRUZ	3/4	UNCH.
FIRST MISS CORP/FRM	23 7/8	-1 1/2
FREEPORT MC MORAN INC/FTX	39 1/2	-1 1/2
GENERAL ELEC/GE	77 7/8	-3/8
GOODYEAR TIRE/GT	51	-1
GRAND CASINO/GND	30 1/4	-1 1/2
HANCOCK HOLDING CO/HBHC	35 1/4	-1
INTL BUSINESS MACHINE/IBM	111 1/2	-3 1/4
INTL PAPER CO/IP	39 1/2	+1
K MART CORP/KM	9 1/2	-1/2
LOCKHEED MARTIN/LMT	75 1/2	-2 1/2
MAGNA BANCORP INC/MGNL	31	+1/2
MCDONALDS CORP/MCD	48	-2 1/2
ROCKWELL INTL CORP/ROK	58 1/2	-1
SOUTHERN COMPANY/SO	23 1/2	+1/4
TENNECO INC/TEN	55 1/2	+1/2
UNION PLANTERS/UPC	30 1/4	+1/2
WAL MART STORES/WMT	23 1/2	-5/8

Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward D. Jones Co.

In the manufacturing sector, companies announced 504 locations and expansions, creating an estimated 12,657 jobs and representing a capital investment of \$1.2 billion.

In the non-manufacturing category, companies announced 49 locations and expansions, creating 7,973 jobs and an estimated \$528.0 million in capital investment.

The Gulf Coast Field Office, based in Gulfport, is one of eight managed by MDECD across the state to serve as local points of contact with communities. Each office serves the counties in its region with representatives from the agency's Community Services Division and Existing Industry and Business Division.

The Gulf Coast Field Office serves George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River and Stone counties. The agency's other field offices are located in Greenwood, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Meridian, Senatobia, Summit and Tupelo.

The Mississippi New and Expanded Facilities Report is compiled annually by MDECD and serves as the unofficial benchmark of the state's successes in this area.

Information from the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) is utilized as MDECD's official employment benchmark.

Job announcements made by new and expanding facilities refer to projected employment and may be altered by the company in response to changing business conditions. Likewise, capital investment announcements refer to the projected investment in land, buildings and equipment.



Manager moves

Jitney Jungle employees in Bay St. Louis held a surprise going-away party for manager Allen McCollum prior to his being transferred to Jitney Jungle, Laurel. Nedra Lewis, left, presents a gift to McCollum, who served as manager for Jitney Jungle in Bay St. Louis for five years. A new manager for the Bay St. Louis store is to be named. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

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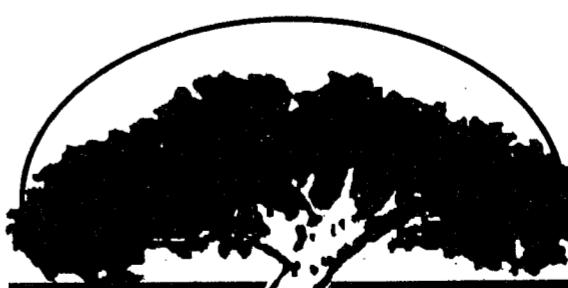
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Owl

and strength quickly," said Dell. "Exactly one month after being admitted, she was moved to an outside flight. She flew so well, she was moved to our largest flight several days later."

Dell said the owl also proved herself very capable of killing prey. "We couldn't believe this was the same bird whose injury on an x-ray looked so hopeless."

She said further research with other raptor rehab centers showed that because of their wide wings, incredible strength and appetite for varied prey, the owls can adapt to certain imperfections that would keep other birds from successfully hunting.

Once the decision was made to release the owl, Dell had another problem.

"All of her time on the ground (she'd been starving on the ground before the wing healed, and then was to weak to fly once the bone had set) had damaged her tail feathers, which then had been further damaged by her time in captivity," said Dell.

"We couldn't expect her to hunt well without her rudder and didn't want her exposed to the natural dangers of being in captivity until she molted, so we decided to imp a tail onto what was left of her old one," Dell said.

The process involved fitting

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WRANPS in need of volunteers

Spring is a busy time for The Wildlife Rehabilitation and Natural Preservation Society Inc. (WRANPS), in Pass Christian.

Director Barbara Dell said the center needs foods, other items and volunteers for the coming spring and summer months.

If you're interested in donating, WRANPS could use fish of any size (whole or filets), beef or deer meat, Purina puppy chow, Science Diet (feline maintenance or feline growth), towels, sheets, bird cages, feeding and water bowls and airline kennels to transport the injured wildlife.

The Center could also use more volunteers, especially to cover the busy phones," Dell said. She said volunteers should be 18 or older, and available to work at least four plus hours a week.

If you can help, call WRANPS at 452-WILD, and someone will return your call, said Dell.

the tail feathers of a deceased great horned owl on to the owl's damaged ones by measuring, cutting, hollowing out, and securing them with bamboo strips and epoxy.

Dell explained, "The bird then loses the imped feathers during her regular molt and grows back normal ones.

"The new feathers we created couldn't fool an expert," said Dell, "but the treatment was a complete practical success."

After two weeks outside in warm and cold weather and lots

or rain, Dell said the owl still had her seven new tail feathers.

Dell waited out a few cold-weather setbacks, then on March 3—in the exact spot where she was found—she released the owl near Beaumont, north of Biloxi.

"She sat at the top of a tree for about 15 minutes before flying out of sight," said Dell.

Most birds of prey mate for life, she said, "And, we hope she and her mate found each other again and are busy beginning this year's babies."

Warning

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after storm or flood damage if the Federal Emergency Management Agency rules your house was not elevated enough or trailers and outside structures were in violation of federal flood plain laws.

Gavney issued the warning as part of a report he planned to make Monday to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Gavney was asked to report to FEMA's headquarters in Atlanta by April 1 on the status of 22 violations found in various locations. Most of the structures were located in Shoreline Park and Jordan River Estates, in unincorporated areas of Hancock County.

Properties cited were on Missouri, Arkansas, New York, Atlanta, Texas, Greenland, North and South Nassau, Banks, Bayou Vayou, Edith, Elaine and Janell Streets.

"This has nothing to do with a building code, a plumbing code or an electric code," said Gavney. "The county doesn't have those codes, but we are required to enforce federal elevation standards and other laws that tell people who live in a flood plain what they must do."

He said FEMA requires structures in flood plains to be elevated 10 to 11 feet above flood stage, depending on the slope of the land and its proximity to the water.

"There's nothing that says you can't be higher, but this is the minimum heights required in the flood plain," said Gavney.

In addition, trailers, campers and other recreational vehicles must be licensed, on wheels and ready to move in the event of a storm threat, and structures underneath raised houses must be constructed so as to allow water to come in and flow out.

Gavney said FEMA planner Porter Martin, with the Atlanta office, made an inspection tour of Hancock County last June, and cited some structures that he thought didn't meet elevation requirements, and others that were built to height requirements but the bottom of the structures were enclosed in violation of current federal laws.

Of 22 violations cited, Gavney said he has had 95 percent of them certified now, as being in compliance. He said contact with absentee property owners, was made more difficult because many use the structures as weekend retreats.

"We had to look at the property tax rolls. Many of them were from the New Orleans area," said Gavney. "We have sent them all certified letters, and are awaiting replies from only seven more."

Seven owners and trailers and three who live in raised structures in areas of Shoreline Park were sent the following letter by Gavney.

"Due to the FEMA visit during the week of June 13, our records indicate there is no elevation certificate on file in the building official's office. All manufactured homes and framed structures require a certificate of elevation. If you have one, please bring it by the office.

If not, please have a surveyor do this for you and forward a copy to this office."

Gavney said the procedure is for a surveyor to come to the scene, determine the ground level of the property, then tell the property owner what elevation is needed to comply with the 11-foot flood plain elevation.

He said the planning commission maintains a list of five surveyors who property owners can call, and the charge can range between \$100 and \$150.

After the elevation requirement is certified by the engineer as being in compliance, the planning commission will issue the property owner a floodplain development permit. The charge for the permit ranges from a minimum of \$40.00 for a structure assessed at \$15,000 up to \$125 for property valued at \$55,000.

The permit is kept on file and on a computer in the county's planning commission office, and is a protection to property owners who must have certification of compliance before qualifying for any federal aid after a storm or for FHA or VA loans.

"They can still apply for aid or funding, but if there is more than 50 percent damage to their property, they can't rebuild unless the elevation requirement and other federal regulations are met," said Gavney.

Gavney said the FEMA planner also found 12 homes with out openings in the enclosures

below the base flood elevation, as now required by federal law.

"This is a negotiable situation," said Gavney. He said from 1977 to 1987, FEMA allowed enclosures of the structures underneath elevated dwellings, provided the property was "wet-proofed," meaning there were holes around the structure that would allow the water to come in and flow out.

But, in August of 1987, FEMA ruled these spaces were not supposed to be living quarters, and now allows no type of permanent enclosure underneath the elevated structure.

On another matter, Gavney said his hands are still tied, and he can't stop property owners in the unincorporated areas of the county who have obtained the required flood elevation permits from installing septic tanks in locations that are not suited for them.

A state law which gave the county Health Departments authority died in the legislature last July, and there are moves underway in the current session to reenact it.

Gavney said he had a letter signed by eight property owners in Shoreline Park asking him not to allow more septic tanks because some lots are so small septic tanks can threaten nearby water wells.

He said he was hopeful the legislature would reinstate the law.

"Until then, we can't legally do anything about it," said Gavney.

Vandals

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had come true. At least three windows were smashed with rocks this past weekend, he told council.

Mayor Eddie Favre said police undercover officers have been stationed at the depot to nab the vandals, but apparently weren't at the scene when the recent damage was done. The mayor promised that the city will catch the vandals, and prosecute them "to the fullest."

Fitzpatrick believes the vandals are youths, between the ages of 7 and 9. Council member Tom Farve said if that's the case, the city should hold the youths' parents responsible.

Aside from the vandalism problem, Fitzpatrick said the restoration project is proceeding on schedule, with exceptionally fine construction work.

The reconstruction is expected to be complete in June.

Favre said city officials hope to have an opening celebration at the depot sometime during the week of July 4th.

Bennett honored

William Carey College announced the nominations for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for the Hattiesburg campus recently.

Students were nominated by their instructors based on certain criteria such as academic achievement, service to the community, leadership and potential for continued success.

Who's Who from Hancock County is Leanne Bennett of Diamondhead.

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North Bay Elementary holds awards program

Students at North Bay Elementary were recently honored at a First Semester Awards Program. Awards included honor roll, Terrific Kids, Science Contest winners, physical education, and perfect attendance.

Terrific Kids selected in November and December were awarded certificates from the Bay-Waveland Kiwanis Club. Students who receive this award must be on time for

school, practice good attendance, respect people, privacy, and property, and work to the best of their ability.

The science contest winners successfully answered a research question and submitted their answers to Mrs. Debra Melaney, sponsor of the program. These four students received a book about animals as their prize.



Kindergarten Terrific Kids

Front row left to right: Ryan Gardache, Cassie Lanfranchi, Kayleigh Davis, James Smith and Raishanna Watson. Middle row left to right: Shannon Murphey, Vanessa Williams, Robert Gardache and Nikke Scaife. Back row left to right: Brent Benvenuti, Garrett Sotak, Banielle LaBlanc, Travis Smith and Miriah Munger.



Perfect attendance

These students were recognized for perfect attendance at the recent awards program at North Bay Elementary. They are: Brandon Adams, Xavier Adolph, Arielle Bell, Adam Benard, Kristin Blanchard, Jarred Bragg, Katie Bridges, Brushawn Brown, Rene Collins, Eulalia Elizondo, Ryan Gardache, Wess Hart, Derius Hawkins, Dontay Hysaw, Ishanti Irby, Heather Jeanfreau, Gregory Johnson, Tywanna Kaigler, Paul Keith, Lillie Kelly, Derek Kimmel, Elizabeth Krass, Ival LaGarde, Greg Lamier, John Lanfranchi, Darlene Lee, Glennon Livingston, Garrett Marsh, Mary Monks, Kristini Quintini, Kendra Reed, Heather Richardson, Michael Riley, Victoria Riley, Miranda Robbins, Utopia Robinson, Bruce Rushing, Anthony Saucier, Tiffany Sheppard, Kara Sotak, Logan Turcotte and Britney Williams.



First Grade Terrific Kids

Front row left to right: Tamara Reed, Jacob Brou, Robyn Buehler, Marie Garside and Alexa Smith. Middle row left to right: Logan Dedeaux, Hien Le, Cory Richardson, Lillie Kelly and Debbie Le. Back row left to right: Champaign Rosemond, Tal Raboteau, Ashley Hoffman, Christina Ellis and Cristina Mumme. Pictured with the students is Benard Chevalier, President of the Kiwanis Club.



Second Grade Terrific Kids

Front row left to right: Morgan Guidry, Calene Tillman, Destiny Flood, Juanita Easley, and Amanda Brogle. Middle row left to right: Rodrick Pullman, Morgan Busbea, Cody Tomasich, Buddy Schulz, and Heath Colletti. Back row left to right: Gregory Johnson, Mary Monks, Kyle Moran, Jequie Sims, Tiffany Sheppard and Clint Arnold. Pictured with the students is Benard Chevalier, President of the Kiwanis Club.



Primary Unit Terrific Kids

Front row left to right: Tiffany Carver, Lauren Turcotte, Paul Keith and Brian DiBenedetto. Second row left to right: Mignon May, D'Ondre Bell, Katie Morris, Stephanie Gardner and Heidi Egloff. Third row left to right: Bruce Brown, Utopia Robinson, Meghan Ellis-Boudreault, Rebecca McWilliams and Lacey Sipsey. Back row left to right: Sarah Gardner, Johnathan Burchardt, Elyse Roques and Bryce Tomasich.

Third Grade Terrific Kids

Front row left to right: Blair Strong, Elizabeth Floyd, Greg Lamier and Roy Fitts. Middle row left to right: Jamie Watson, Garrett Conn, Elizabeth Krass, Nicole Hughes and Krystyna Szczeczkowski. Back row left to right: Sarah Lafontaine, Loan Le, Tiffany Bowers and Kara Sotak. Pictured with the students is Benard Chevalier, President of the Kiwanis Club.



Science contest winners

Left to right: Willow Nero, Wes Hart, Amanda Toups and Morgan Busbea

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

MENUS

April 1-5
Milk served daily for breakfast and lunch

North Bay and Waveland Elementaries

BREAKFAST

Monday — Juice, Scrambled Eggs or Cereal, Buttered Toast. Tuesday — Juice, Cereal, Buttered Toast. Wednesday — Juice, Sausage Biscuit or Cereal and Toast. Thursday — Juice, Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit or Cereal and Toast. Friday — Spring Holidays Apr. 8-12.

LUNCH

Monday — Corn Dog, Baked Potato, Apple Crisp, Saltine Crackers. Tuesday — Fried Chicken, Broccoli and Rice Casserole, Seasoned Green Beans, Fruit Delight, Hot Roll. Wednesday — Steak Sandwich, Buttered Peas, Stack of Trimmings, Fruit Cup. Thursday — Homemade Pizza, Veggie Sticks with Dip, Potato Wedges, Devil's Food Delight. Friday — Spring Holidays Apr. 8-12.

Bay Middle and Bay High Schools

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Monday — Juice, Scrambled

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LUNCH

Monday — Chili Con Carne or Corn Dog with Mustard, Baked Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Apple Crisp, Saltine Crackers. Tuesday — Fried Chicken or Sloppy Joe, Broccoli and Rice Casserole, Seasoned Green Beans, Fruit Delight, Hot Roll.

Wednesday — Chicken Tetrazzini or Steak Sandwich, Buttered Peas, Stack of Trimmings, Carrot-Raisin Salad, Fruit Cup, Hot Roll.

Thursday — Homemade Pizza or Chicken Fillet on Bun, Seasoned Lima Beans, Green Salad or Trimmings, Potato Wedges, Devil's Food Delight. Friday — Spring Holidays Apr. 8-12.

Charles B. Murphy, Gulfview and Hancock North Central Elementaries

BREAKFAST

Monday — Assorted Cereal, Toast with Jelly, Juice. Tuesday — Breakfast Pizza, Peaches. Wednesday — Sausage Bis-

cuit, Fruit Cocktail. Thursday — Pancakes with Syrup, Pineapple Chunks. Friday — Holiday.

LUNCH

Monday — Sloppy Joe on Bun, English Peas, Seasoned French Fries, Applesauce. Tuesday — Red Beans with Rice, Smoked Sausage, Tossed Beans, Hashbrowns, Pineapple Tidbits, Cornbread.

Wednesday — Chicken with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Jello with Cool Whip, Hot Rolls, of Pizza, Tater Tots, English Peas, Jello with Cool Whip, Hot Rolls.

Thursday — Tuna with Crackers, Spicy Potatoes, Pickle Spears, Fruit Salad.

Friday — Holiday.

LUNCH

Monday — Pizza or Assorted Cereal, Toast with Jelly, Juice. Tuesday — Sausage Biscuit or Breakfast Pizza, Peaches.

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CLUBS, AUXILIARIES

Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee

Saturday, March 23, delegates from each of the 11 counties in the 5th Congressional District met in convention at Hattiesburg High School. Dr. Pat Smith of Harrison County served as convention chair, and Robin Midcalf, a Harrison County supervisor, was elected convention secretary. State Democratic Party chair, Sen. Johnnie Walls, appointed Rep. Frances Fredericks of Harrison County as convention parliamentarian.

Former Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Gandy presented 5th Congressional District humanitarian awards to Oseola McCarty, Capt. (ret.) Jack Lucas, and Michael Marks, all of Forrest County. Margaret Taylor addressed the convention delegates on behalf of her husband's campaign to retain the 5th Congressional seat.

The primary purpose of the Congressional District convention is to select delegates to the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago Aug. 26-29. The following delegates were elected:

Frances Fredericks, Gulfport/Harrison County; Michel Wilson, Lucedale/George County; Melton Harris, Pascagoula/Jackson County; and Brown Miller, Petal/Forrest County; and Charles Burt (alternate delegate), Bay St. Louis/Hancock County.

Burt became the alternate delegate by virtue of finishing third in balloting among 12 male candidates approved by the Clinton/Gore Primary Committee from throughout the Congressional District.

In other business, 15 members from the Congressional District were elected to serve four-year terms on the State Executive Committee, and five others were nominated and will be voted upon at the state convention May 8. Elected from Hancock County was Charles Burt, and nominated was Elise Sims, also from Hancock County.

Southern Women's Club

Southern Women's Club of Gulfport, which is a division of Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, went to the District 1 Convention in Lucedale March 2.

SWC was awarded first place for their scrapbook and yearbook. Also they took home numerous awards as follows:

In the Conservation category, they won third place for Solid Waste and for a special project; an arts, SWC was awarded second place for Women in the Arts, third place for literature/performing and the very special arts project; under Home Life, they received first place for a health program; in the International Affairs division, SWC took home first place for United Nations and for CARE World Feed Day; in the Public Affairs category, they were awarded first place for crime prevention; under Education, first place was awarded for Youth Literacy: Aspire, and second place for special projects; HOBY and ESO; and in the Leadership category, SWC received third place for fund raising.

Two members of SWC of Gulfport were recognized as well. Carol Szymanski of Long Beach was named District Clubwoman of the Year. Gaye Winter of Biloxi was appointed to district historian for District 1 and reappointed to Home Life chairman for MFWC. In addition, Winter received first place awards in arts and crafts and embroidery.

SWC recently honored two members, Carol Szymanski and Donna Sharp, by naming them Clubwomen of the Year for 1995. Szymanski and Sharp are sisters who have been members of SWC for nine years and seven years, respectively. Szymanski has served as historian, parliamentarian and Art Department chairman.

Sharp has held the offices of first vice-president, second vice-president, treasurer and International Department chairman.

Both have played vital roles in the club's annual fund raisers and civic projects. Szymanski and Sharp reside in Long Beach with their families.

Gulf Coast Stamp Club

The Gulf Coast Stamp Club will meet Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on East Water Street, Biloxi (south of the main post office).

For information, call John at 435-1638 or Connie, 863-7770.

Mississippi State Society DAR

The Mississippi State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, celebrated its 100 year anniversary at its recent state convention in Jackson at the Ramada Inn Coliseum.

The activities began at a ceremony held at the Governor's Mansion to dedicate the state society's gift of a new flagpole and flag to replace the one damaged by a tornado during the year.

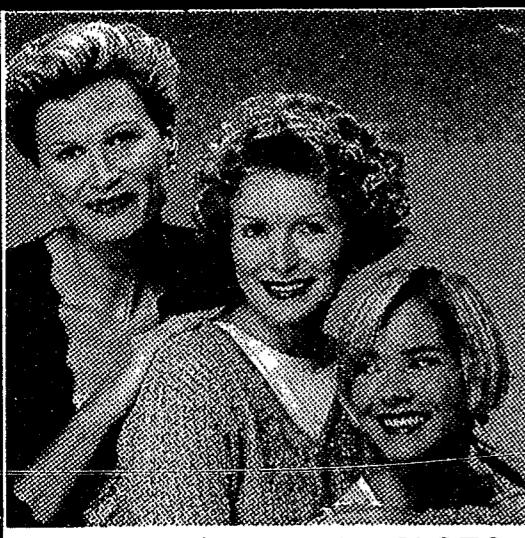
Gov. Fordice delivered a speech of acceptance before he and Mrs. Fordice hosted a tea and tour of the mansion for the members of the state societies present at the dedication.

NSDAR regent, Mrs. Charles Kemper from California, as well as the regents from the neighboring states of Arkansas and Tennessee were among the dignitaries present at the dedication.

Friendship Oak Chapter was represented by delegates Jean Jaumot, regent, Mary Alice Wall, Mary Margaret Willems, Bobbie Thomas, Pat Hendricks, Sallie Ruskin, Ruby Saxon, Leila Thisell, Kathleen Kemp and Margaret Cannon.

Several of the members served in other ways as well. Thomas, who is the Coastal Plains District director, also helped in the planning for the convention. Wall, who serves as Mississippi American Heritage chairman, worked many months accumulating a display of dolls wearing fashions from the last 100 years. Jaumot, who serves as regent of the Friendship Oak Chapter, presented a compilation of civic activities in which members from the chapter had been involved over the past year. Several members received awards for outstanding contributions to their communities.

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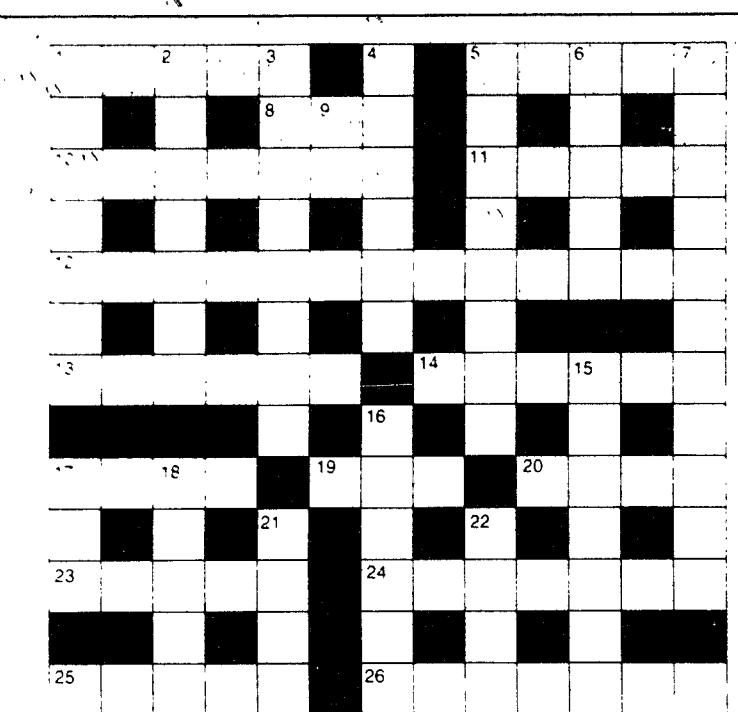
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TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. African nation
- 5. Baby Iolian City
- 8. Food grain
- 10. Shouter's location
- 11. Nautical term
- 12. KFC, for example
- 13. Entwine
- 14. A way to understand
- 17. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 19. Pitch
- 20. Fissures
- 23. Sarcastic
- 24. San Tropez locale
- 25. Louse
- 26. Locomotives

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Tallest living quadruped
- 2. A heightened state
- 3. A man-made object
- 4. A way to place
- 5. Lawless
- 6. Cecums
- 7. Protest
- 9. Hello (slang)
- 15. Issue
- 16. Harass
- 17. Computer language
- 18. Hebrew letter
- 21. In bed
- 22. Alexander ___. Secretary of State

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

- 1. Ghana
- 5. Accad
- 8. Ry
- 10. Rooftop
- 11. Abeam
- 12. Fast food chain
- 13. Enlace
- 14. Digest
- 17. Alas
- 19. Tar
- 20. Hila
- 23. Acerb
- 24. Seaside
- 25. Aphid
- 26. Engines

SOLUTIONS DOWN

- 1. Giraffe
- 2. Arousal
- 3. Artifact
- 4. Deploy
- 5. Anarchic
- 6. Caeca
- 7. Demonstrate
- 9. Yo
- 15. Edition
- 16. Hassle
- 17. Ada
- 18. Aleph
- 21. Abed
- 22. Haig

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Przewalski's horses visit Jackson Zoo

In the spirit of East meets West, the Jackson Zoo will host a pair of Przewalski's wild horses on exhibit through the fall. Named after the Russian naturalist Nikolai Machalovitch Przewalski who first scientifically identified them, they were once native to mountain ranges of Mongolia and far Southern Russia. These horses are unique as they are believed to be the "ancestors of all mod-

ern horse breeds."

The zoo will exhibit a seven-year-old mare and a four-month-old filly. They are on loan from Safari Enterprises and come from Hico, Texas. This species recently became extinct in the wild and current plans involve an international effort to reintroduction into their former range.

"Currently, 65 institutions manage them worldwide with a captive population of about 600 animals. These are descendants of 11 founders captured two decades ago, successful results of a rigorously managed captive breeding program," said Bruce Clark, animal curator.

The Przewalski's can be viewed daily. The zoo is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and is easily reached by taking I-220 to the Capitol Street exit. For information, call 352-2580.

Zoo Blues '96

The 12th annual Zoo Blues fund-raiser will be Sunday, April 14 from 1-6 p.m. at the Jackson Zoo.

The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Lattimore and the funky Meters will be the featured entertainment.

Proceeds to toward capital

improvements at the zoo.

Tickets will be on sale at all Be-Bop Record shops and at the zoo. Advance tickets are \$10. Tickets at the gate are \$12. Children under six are free.

For information, call 352-2582.



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Artists invited to participate in Horn Island adventure

Local artists are invited to participate in a Horn Island adventure June 5-8, sponsored by the George Ohr Arts and Cultural Center. The three-day, four-night trip to Horn Island will include art instruction by Moss Point artist Gill Nelson and the Memphis College of Art's Bob Riseling and Richard Reep.

Works generated from the trip will be exhibited in the Ohr Center's Lila Wallace Gallery July 19-Aug. 24.

The \$315 fee includes transportation to and from the island, two gourmet dinners and art instruction. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due to the George Ohr Center, 136 G.E. Ohr Street, Biloxi, MS 39540 by April 30. There is a limit of 25 students, and all students must be at least 18 years of age.

For information, contact Dena McKee at (601) 474-2521 or Susan Bosco (601) 475-5510.

NOMA presents Japanese concert

The New Orleans Museum of Art presents a special evening of music from the Yamada-ryu Koto Ensemble of Tokyo Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in NOMA's Stern Auditorium.

The ensemble will perform classical music for the koto, a 13-stringed zither, shamisen, a three-stringed lute, and shakuhachi, an end-blown bamboo flute.

The concert is open to the public and tickets, \$7 per person, will be available at the door or in advance in the Museum Shop. The concert is sponsored by NOMA and the Consulate-General of Japan in New Orleans.

The concert will spotlight the major styles of koto music composed during the Edo Period (1600-1868). Having assimilated virtually all the styles of koto music that preceded it, Yamada-ryu koto music can be considered a repository of koto music that developed in the 17th and 19th centuries.

The program will feature a lyrical juta piece from the Kyoto-Osaka region; a narrative Yamada-ryu piece typical of Edo tastes; a classical shakuhachi honkyoku work; a technical koto duet; and a piece for a full ensemble.

The ensemble is composed of Namino Torii, head (iemoto) of

the Torii lineage of the Yamada-ryu and one of the top Yamada-ryu artists active today; Manami Ito, the iemoto-to-be of the Ito lineage of the Yamada-ryu; Ayasano Shimura, an accomplished vocalist; shamisen artist Namino Nakata; shakuhachi master Jumei Tokumaru; and Lynn Wakabayashi, a native of Washington, D.C., who has studied classical koto music in Japan for the past 16 years.

The concert will be preceded by a short lecture by Wakabayashi on the music's history and aesthetic underpinnings.

As part of a spring tour, the ensemble will stop in New York, Washington, Chicago and San Diego.

For information or for tickets, call NOMA at (504) 483-2657.

All entrees served with House Salad, Vegetable du Jour and Dessert (Cannoli).

Bluegrass Festival Returns To St. Petersburg/Clearwater Area April 14

SEMINOLE, FL — Lovers of country and bluegrass music can look forward to the return of the 20th annual Seminole Bluegrass and Arts Festival on April 14 at Seminole City Park in the St. Petersburg, Clearwater area.

Nationally recognized bands perform from noon to 6:00 pm on stage at the park which is located at 7464 Ridge Road in the Pinellas County town of Seminole. One of this year's headliners is the 97th Regimental String Band which recreates an actual string band of the Civil War Era singing a wide variety of traditional American songs in authentic "living history" style. Other groups will perform more traditional bluegrass, country and folk tunes.

In addition to the music, the festival offers an antique automobile display, arts and crafts booths, food and refreshments, plus numerous children's activities including

games, crafts, rides, clowns, face painting and a coloring contest.

The festival is sponsored by the Seminole Junior Woman's Club and is a fund raiser for several local charities including: Pinellas Association for Retarded Children (PARC), Ronald McDonald House, Hospice, Hacienda Girl's Ranch, R.O.C.K. Cancer Camp and Special Olympics.

Admission is \$5 per person with children under 12 free. Parking is free, and a complimentary van shuttle service will operate from Seminole Mall near the AMC Theater from 11:00 am until 6:30 pm.

The Seminole Bluegrass and Arts Festival is one of many special events offered year-round in greater St. Petersburg and Clearwater. For an area Visitor Guide which lists all the major events, plus information on attractions and other activities, readers may call 1-800-345-6710.

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Mississippi Homemakers Volunteers

Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers Council met at the Extension office March 28 to discuss the coastal area meeting in Lucedale April 3 and to make plans for the annual Cultural Arts Fair and Fashion Revue April 25 at the Extension office on Longfellow Drive.

Dolores Bullit presided. Darleen Underwood, home economist, was present to help compile the county report that would be presented by Dolores Bullit at the area meeting in Lucedale.

Adele Langkopp will introduce one of the speakers, and Riverview and Learning Ladies Club members will provide door prizes.

Educational Committee reports included:

Environment — Carolyn Geoffrey reported that radishes and potatoes were better than chemicals for clean-ups.

Child and Family — Adele Langkopp presented Head Start Center in Bay St. Louis with an activity book for Mr. Roger's Neighborhood TV program.

International — Beverly Vaughan suggested club members study Greece this year and appointed JoAnn Little and Vickie Chandler to a committee to gather materials related to Greece.

Mrs. Bullitt announced a "Family Matters Conference" April 27, Woolmarket Community Center from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Call 467-5456 for information.

Members were reminded to take their arts and crafts articles to the Extension office by April 23 or 24 in time for the fair April 25. The fair is open to the public and will be judged. First place winners go to the state convention in May.

Following the meeting, Nancy Freeman, home economist seen on WLOX, gave a demonstration on bread-making. Hand-outs and recipes were given to the audience and are available at the Extension office.

Individuals going to the area meeting April 3 should meet at the Extension office at 7 a.m. * * *

Learning Ladies of MHV met at Coast Electric March 20 with Adele Langkopp presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mary Lou Mutter, Inez Olivier read the minutes, and Reba Echabzal gave the treasurer's report.

Bake sale chairman Inez Olivier thanked members for making the sale a very successful one. Gertrude Helwig, a Hope Haven volunteer, thanked members for becoming affiliated with that organization. She also gave a progress report on the shelter, which will be ready to accept children soon.

Two members received training as CASA volunteers and will be able to help at Hope Haven.

A copy of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood Activity Book was presented to Head Start of Bay St. Louis. The club also gave several story books to Hope Haven and collected magazines for Hotel Reed Nursing Center.

Following committee reports, copies of the revised homemaker awards score sheet were discussed, approved and distributed.

Leola Bell was welcomed as a new member. Co-hostesses Carolyn Geoffrey and Lucille Bourgeois served refreshments. Next meeting will be April 17.

Call 466-3937 to join.

Friends of the Desoto National Forest

Friends of the Desoto National Forest met at Gillis Library in Brooklyn, March 6 and organized into a non-profit, state-chartered organization which is affiliated with the Mississippi Wildlife Federation.

It was begun to advance the cause of conservation and environmental protection of the forest area. It will encourage responsible management of the resource within the boundaries of the Desoto National Forest.

Don Neal, head ranger of the Desoto National Forest, spoke to the group. The next meeting will be the Black Creek Clean-up Day May 11 at 8 a.m.

Officers are Thomas Pitts, president; Joe Duckworth, first vice-president; Kerry Loper, second vice-president; Elsie Hutto, secretary-treasurer; Larry Doolittle, sergeant-at-arms; Thomas Pitts and James Bryant, historians; T. D. Varnado Jr., legal advisor; and Robert L. Loper, senior advisor.

For details call (601) 864-5328.

U.S. News & World Report recognizes USM program

The graduate program in polymer science at the University of Southern Mississippi ranks among the best in the nation, according to the latest *U.S. News & World Report*.

The March 18 issue of the news magazine ranks the USM program as third, in a tie with California Institute of Technology, among the nation's top specialty programs in the chemistry area.

"This accomplishment was achieved with bright students, a dedicated faculty and staff, the support of the university and state, and an uncompromising emphasis on quality," said Dr. Robert Y. Lochhead, professor and chair of USM's Department of Polymer Science.

The magazine ranks graduate and professional schools and specialty programs in 31 academic disciplines in its latest issue. Results of those rankings will also be released in a book published by the magazine, *1996 America's Best Graduate Schools*, completed in 1991.

"I think (USM's ranking) says a lot about what can be done in Mississippi when the appropriate support and encouragement is given for a good academic program — that we can be national leaders," said Dr. Shelby Thamess, distinguished university research professor of polymer science.

Thamess was the faculty of the Department of Polymer Science as its chair when it was established in 1970 with 10 students. Today, 10 full-time faculty direct the studies and research of 103 undergraduates, 68 graduate students and

13 post-doctoral students.

USM is the nation's only polymer science department to offer bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees.

Thamess, who went on to become a dean and vice president at USM, said he studied the longer-established polymer science graduate programs ranked No. 1 and No. 2 by *U.S. News & World Report*, at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the University of Akron (Ohio), when he was preparing to establish USM's department.

"When I was looking at developing the curriculum, I visited those schools and I realized we could be competitive," he said. "The key to this whole thing is the support we've been given over many, many years."

That support, particularly from U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran, helped get the U.S. Department of Agriculture to build and equip USM's \$19.7 million Polymer Science Research Center, completed in 1991.

The three-story, 86,000-square-foot facility houses state-of-the-art instrumentation for the department and the independent Mississippi Polymer Institute, which directly helps fill industry training and consulting needs.

USM polymer scientists such as Thamess, who returned to full-time teaching in 1988, have long been involved in "green," or environmentally friendly, research that's been of interest to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For instance, Thamess has spent more than a decade

Hancock Women's Club

The Hancock Women's Club met at the Holiday Inn Waveland March 14. Marge Thomson presided over a short business meeting prior to installation of new officers for 1996-97. Forty-two members and guests were in attendance.

A certificate of appreciation was received from the Mississippi Firefighters Memorial Burn Association Inc. for the club's donation in February. A thank-you note was also received from the Hancock County Humane Society.

Birthday corsages were presented to Pat Lanham, Marian Rapp and Dee Wending. Get-well cards were sent to Gail McConnon and Carmella Boyd. Donations collected this month will go to the Food Pantry.

Kay Johnson was installed as president; Billie Jean Niver, vice-president; Mary Gilmore, secretary; and Amelia Killeen, treasurer. Johnson introduced the committee chairmen: Jean Longo, telephone; Georgia Williams, hospitality; Theresa Bourgeois, sunshine; Jo Ann Lagasse, community affairs; and Gail McConnon, publicity.

The door prize was won by Marina Rapp, and the meeting was closed in prayer led by Dot Zimmerman.

Bay-Waveland Garden Club

The Pilgrimage Tea, sponsored by the Bay-Waveland Garden Club, was Sunday, March 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Hyman, 201 Bienville Drive, Waveland. The event kicked off the activities for the tour of homes March 28 in the Bay-Waveland area.

Opening their homes and gardens to the public were Jack and Melinda Richard, 1320 Dunbar Avenue; Jim and Teri Wylie, 216 North Beach Blvd.; Dr. and Mrs. Swan Ward, 982 South Beach Blvd.; Bryon and Yvonne Griffith, 127 Sarah's Lane; Mr. and Mrs. James J. Crane, 426 South Beach Blvd.; Chappy and Starr Chapman, 706 South Beach Blvd.; Mr. Richard Grayson, 712 South Beach Blvd.

Also open to the public was Bay-Waveland Garden Center, 114 Leonard Avenue; Kate Lohrano House, 108 Cue Street; and the Waveland City Hall, 301 Coleman Avenue.

Blue Jeans Garden Club

The March 21 meeting of the Blue Jeans Garden Club was held in the Diamondhead home of Joyce Hicks with Molly Malpie co-hostess.

Hicks opened the meeting, and the secretary read February's minutes.

The treasurer gave the financial report. A check for \$50 was sent to the Mississippi Firefighters Burn Assn. as a donation from the club.

Hancock Special Olympics was discussed. The club sponsored three athletes, and individual members sponsored four athletes each, for a total of seven this year.

Winners of the plant judging:

Potted, Dot Feaheny; dried, Lucille Witter; horticultural, Joyce Hicks; miniature, Mayola Rotherham; and wild, Betty Klein.

The half/half was won by Thelma Exnicious, and the door prize was won by Beulah Peterson.

The meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

WAVELAND

TOPS MS 233 Waveland met Tuesday, March 26 at the Waveland Public Library. Rhonda was the week's best loser with 3½ pounds. Tammy was the week's best youth loser with 4½ pounds. Missy was the week's KOPS loser.

Rhonda received a charm for losing 40 pounds. Honored were winners of the year 1995 in Division 3: Bev, first place, Ruth, second; and Division 4: Robin, first; and Rose, second. Queen for 1995 was Ruth. Runner-up was Missy. Sharon was voted song leader. The club installed 1996 officers.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting immediately following weigh-in.

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Easter pets require commitment for care

By Jennifer Miller
MSU Ag Communications

With Easter fast approaching, many people give in to the pressure of buying baby chicks, ducks and bunnies as pets and gifts. But unless these people are ready to take on a lot of responsibility, the chocolate versions will be a better choice.

"People should not purchase these pets just because it is Easter, unless they have had previous experience with these animals," said Dr. Gerald Radde, veterinarian at Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Radde said many people just aren't prepared to take on all the commitment these pets require.

"People buy these pets as cute little babies and often forget that these animals will grow up and have even more needs," he said. "These pets need sufficient space and proper food, and new owners often fail to get the specific guidelines for care."

Before purchasing the animal, ask the pet store to provide the care guidelines. Also, ask them to list the places where the right feed can be purchased.

Another concern is for the safety of the animal. Supervise small children when they are with pets to avoid injuries to the animals or the children.

For example, the most common injury bunnies suffer is broken backs. Many times children will not know the correct way to hold the animal.

"When carrying a rabbit a short distance, the neck skin should be grasped with one hand while the rear quarters are supported with the other; a small rabbit can be grasped gently around the body," said Dr. John Harkness, professor of veterinary medicine at MSU.

Over longer distances, the rabbit should be placed on the person's forearm with its head concealed in the bend of the elbow.

"When rabbits are dropped or otherwise handled improperly,

they struggle and can break their legs or backs," Harkness said.

"Bunnies also have very sharp nails on their rear legs which can cause very painful scratches if the rabbit is mishandled."

Baby chicks and ducks also can be injured easily if children do not handle them properly.

Keep in mind the presence of other family pets and watch them closely. They may be fascinated by the new animal and could hurt it by playing roughly.

However, if you are prepared for the added responsibility, there is nothing wrong with purchasing these pets. These small animals can be an excellent way to teach children about responsibility. Under the proper supervision, pet ownership is an excellent idea.

Radde said people should remember these pets are not just a cute little objects. They are alive and have feelings. They require care seven days a week.

"These pets need your commitment to care for them as long as they live, just as any other pet does," Radde said. "If you take on the total responsibility, it can be a worthwhile experience."

Free poetry contest

A \$1,000 prize is being offered in a free poetry contest sponsored by the International Library of Famous Poets. There is no entry fee, and everyone is free to enter by the May 7 deadline.

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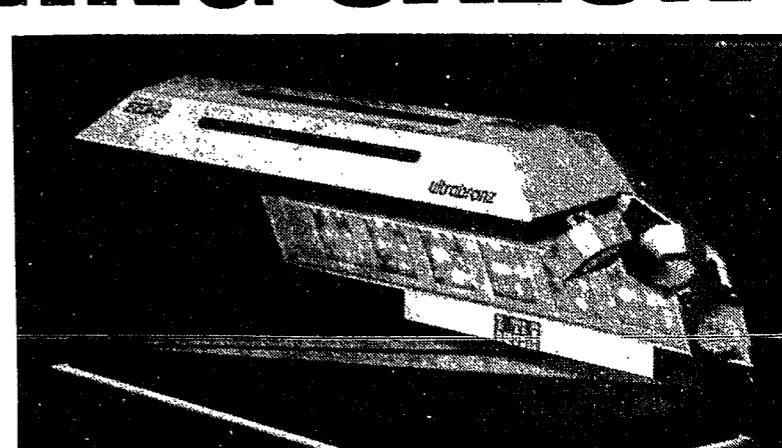
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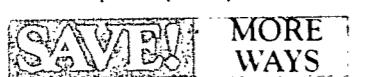
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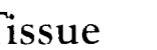


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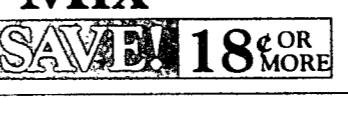


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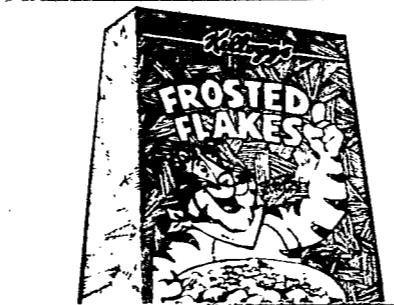
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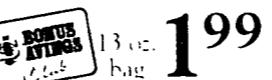
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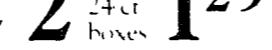


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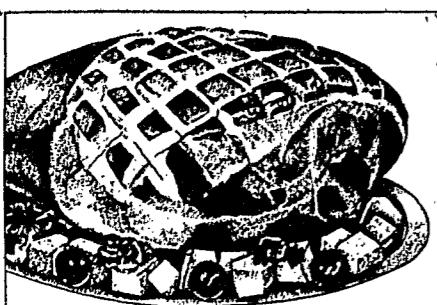
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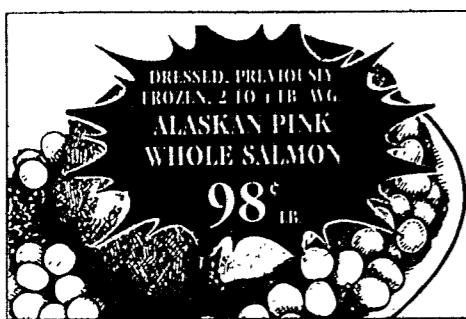
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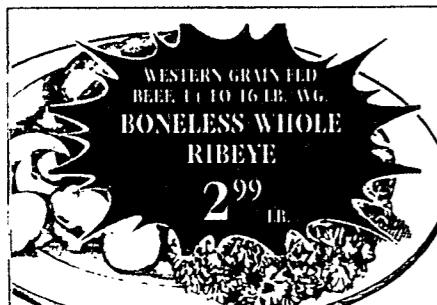
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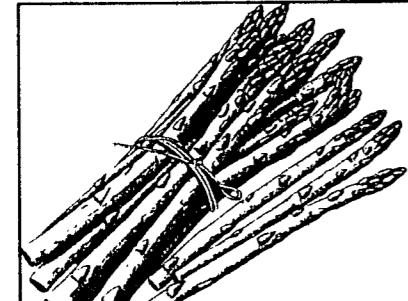
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Dr. Lane Adams to speak at April GCCW meeting

Preacher and author Dr. Lane Adams is the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Gulf Coast Christian Women.

Adams, who was born in New Orleans, grew up in Bay St. Louis. He has had a diverse career, having served as a Navy fighter pilot in the Pacific during World War II, for which he was awarded three air medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross, and also having been a night club singer for five years.

His career as a minister began in 1957 with his graduation from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. In 1977, he received his Doctor of Divinity from Belhaven College in Jackson.

For 10 years, he was associate evangelist for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and was the featured evangelist, conducting 43 citywide crusades in four countries.

Adams was the founding pastor of Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church in Florida, has pastored churches in Tennessee and Maryland, and has served in leadership in churches and ministries in California, where he now lives.



Dr. Lane Adams

At present, he is honorary minister-at-large with Scripture Union of Pennsylvania, a publisher of expository adult and children's daily Bible study guides. Adams also is Scripture

Union's National Bible Reading chairman.

He is on the advisory boards of several theological institutions, and has authored two books, *Come Fly with Me* and *How Come It's Taking Me So*

Long to Get Better?

The Gulf Coast Christian Women, whose mission is to bring well-known speakers with a universal Christian gospel message to the Coast for encouragement and inspira-

tion, will meet Wednesday, April 17, at the Broadwater Beach Resort in Biloxi. The doors will open at 11 a.m. Lunch is at 11:30.

Tickets are \$12, and are available locally at Bookends

Bookstore in Bay St. Louis, Southern Charm Hallmark in Diamondhead, and Hillyer House in Pass Christian. Tickets must be purchased by April 12; none will be available at the door.

Main Street Methodist to hold Lenten concert

The Main Street United Methodist Church will host a Lenten concert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 3 for the enjoyment of the entire community. Van Carpenter, pastor at Main Street, extends a special invitation to everyone.

The Lenten concert will be under the direction of Mary Howard, director of music, and will involve all musical groups of Main Street Church.

"It will take us musically, bound together with Scripture,

through the life of Christ," Howard said.

Some of the groups who will be performing are the Chancel Choir, Generations Choir, Soundwaves (children handbell and choral choir), Heart Trio, Men's Quartet and solos. In addition, there will be instrumentalists participating on piano, organ, guitar, drums, trumpet and keyboard.

At the conclusion of the concert, there will be a carry-in dinner in the activities center.

St. Ann-St. John mass schedule

St. Ann-St. John Church Clermont Harbor-Lakeshore Parish Mission Holy Week Easter Mass schedule is as follows:

April 1, 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Ann;

7 p.m., Mission at St. John

April 2, 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Ann;

7 p.m., Mission at St. John

April 3, 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Ann;

7 p.m., Mission at St. John

April 4, 7 p.m., Mass at St. John

April 5, 3 p.m., Way of the Cross at St. John; 7 p.m. Service at St. Ann

April 6, 7 p.m., Mass at St. Ann

April 7, 8 a.m., Mass at St. John; 9:15 a.m. Mass at St. John; 10:30 a.m., Mass at St. Ann

Confessions will be heard before and after each mass and by appointment.

Bible study offered to the community

The Waveland United Methodist Church is offering a Bible study called "Basic Bible" to the public.

The nine-week study course starts Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the church and will meet each Tuesday until June 4.

Purpose of the non-denominational study is to help people develop an appreciation for the Bible and learn the basics necessary for successful Bible study.

Every person, without regard to religious affiliation, is invited and encouraged to participate. There will be no obligation to the host church except a \$5 fee that helps pay for material.

No particular theological approach will be advanced in the presentation by Van Carpenter, pastor, who will be leading the classes.

Basic Bible is a course developed by lay people and the pastor, using the material "Getting Acquainted With Your Bible," for the purpose of encouraging Bible study, helping people prepare for more in-depth study of the Bible, and developing an appreciation of the Bible.

The church wants the people of the Waveland and Bay St. Louis area to benefit from this study and has made it available to anyone who would like to attend.

Even if you are not present, involved in a church, you are invited to be a part of this class.

Persons who want to learn only the basics will find all they need is the book "Getting Acquainted With Your Bible."

Not only will the class benefit those just starting out in Bible study, but also those who are at an intermediate stage will find it rewarding.

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Sunrise service

The annual Hancock County Community Easter Sunrise Service will be April 7 at Christ Episcopal Church lawn on South Beach Boulevard in Bay St. Louis at 6:30 a.m.

The service is sponsored by the Ministerial Association and Hancock County Emergency Relief. Refreshments will be served in Virginia Hall at the conclusion of the service, compliments of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

The Easter message will be delivered by the Rev. Vernon Knight, pastor of Lutheran Church of the Pines. Special music will be provided.

The public is invited to attend. The area will be sprayed for gnats, since the service is outdoors. The service will be moved indoors in the event of rain.

Diamondhead Community Church holds Easter services

Diamondhead Community Church will hold two services Easter Sunday, April 7.

The first service is at 8 a.m. with the adult choir singing. The second service, the regular service, starts at 10 a.m. and features both the adult and children's choirs.

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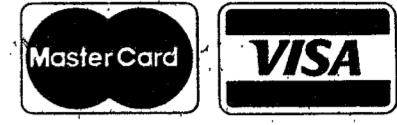
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NON-FICTION

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Story hour titles listed

"Bunnies" will be the theme of the children's story hour at the Kiln Library Tuesday, April 2 at 10:30 p.m.

The Runaway Bunny, Humbug Rabbit and Max's Chocolate Chicken are books to be read. Children will find hidden eggs and will receive a color sheet and refreshments.

"Eggciting Easter" will be the theme of the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library Wednesday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Brown Rabbit's Shape Book and *Humbug Rabbit* are books to be featured. Children will see a video, make Easter bunnies and receive refreshments.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one hour.

The Kiln Library hosts a story hour every other Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. The programs last approximately 30 minutes, and refreshments are served.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Cindy Fairchild, Bay St. Louis Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724.

Safety steps suggested for highway driving

With increased highway speed limits, and thus a shorter time to react to unexpected hazards and a longer time to bring vehicles to a halt, Mississippi motorists should give greater attention to highway safety, according to the Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning.

"If we are to avoid a sharp increase in highway death and injuries, drivers must be prepared to react quicker and to allow greater distances for stopping," said Donald O'Cain, governor's representative for highway safety and Public Safety Planning's executive director.

"It's extremely important to not let anything, such as driving after consuming alcoholic beverages or sleepiness, stand in the way of being alert."

"Nobody should ever drive a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol . . . even a very small amount," O'Cain said. "It takes very little alcohol to seriously impair your driving ability."

"It's also important," he said "to be well rested when driving. Never push yourself to get just a few more miles in when you're sleepy. On long trips, make frequent stops in well-lighted

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"Crash severity increases sharply at speeds above 50 miles per hour," O'Cain said. "The chance of death or serious injury in a crash doubles for each 10 miles per hour over 50. Thus, it's obvious that nothing less than a driver's full attention is essential at the higher speeds."

"Despite every precaution, even 'safe' drivers can be involved in crashes caused by the actions of others," he noted. "If such a crash involves a vehicle equipped with air bags, the air bags could help to protect the vehicle's occupants from death or serious injury. However, it's extremely important that occupants of vehicles both with and without air bags use safety belts. It's been proven again and again that safety belts, like air bags, save lives."

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Now that you know some of the reasons to advertise, you're probably wondering how you can advertise most effectively. Surveys show that ads in local newspapers have more impact than in any other medium. The Sea Coast Echo goes into the majority of the homes in Hancock County. The Sea Coast Echo is full of interesting reading, it is a part of our community. People like to read about people and The Sea Coast Echo is full of pictures and stories about local people. The most important reason to advertise in The Sea Coast Echo is that our readers are your customers.

If you are looking for the best advertising value for your money, then you should contact the advertising department at The Sea Coast Echo. One of our advertising representatives will be happy to discuss the many advertising options offered by The Sea Coast Echo. For more information you may call 467-5474, Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, or stop by our office at 124 Court Street, Bay St. Louis.

Since 1892, The Sea Coast Echo is proud to be a part of your community.

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Potential customers could be reading about YOUR business in The Business Review. Contact your ad representative for information today!

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Your ad will appear for six consecutive weeks and a feature story about your business, along with a photo will be published once FREE of charge!

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